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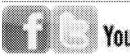
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On behalf of the Flint community, I am writing with a renewed request for additional support to address Flint's water challenges to ensure that water is affordable and secure for everyone in Flint especially our vulnerable populations. I am asking for an additional \$30 million in funds for Flint's infrastructure and a new healthy homes initiative.

Significant progress has been made throughout this year to increase water safety and quality and I thank you for the involvement of your office, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the Michigan Department of Treasury. A majority of items in the Water Improvement Plan are completed or underway. Most importantly, Flint is now in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act due in large part to the installation of the new carbon filter. The infrastructure systems are being made more secure and efficient through the State grants. Now the City is committed to following the recommendation of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to optimize the treatment process, reduce corrosion and further minimize risks from lead.

The need to accelerate the City's capital improvement investments remains and has been further increased by the continued financial stress and legal issues. Previously I requested support for replacement or forgiveness of payment to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund due to Flint's status as a distressed community and the gap in funding in the adopted capital improvement plan. I understand that the existing federal law does not allow the existing Drinking Water Revolving Loans that Flint is carrying to be forgiven in retrospect but the need still exists. Flint owes approximately \$20 Million. One solution is for the State to grant a new \$20 Million that is designed as forgivable from the start. Another solution is to provide

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equivalent funding through an expansion of the grant program to Michigan's Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships with a supplemental budget amendment in cooperation with the State Legislature.

The community's heightened concern about lead leeching into the water from old service lines and home plumbing also needs to be addressed. We know that lead is an environmental contaminant and there have been many programs in place over the years to address sources in paint and pipes. Flint needs a new healthy homes initiative specifically focused on lead in water with \$10 Million to start the process of replacing service lines for the most vulnerable households. Regardless of the source and treatment of Flint's water, this long term threat of lead in pipes needs to be removed in the interest of public health.

My approach continues to be to work with you and your appointed officials, State Senator Ananich, State Representatives Phelps and Neeley, Congressman Kildee, community groups, businesses, churches, foundations, the Flint City Council, and all of the City of Flint and State and Federal government personnel. We need every available expert and resource to address Flint's water problems.

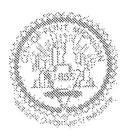
Flint's safety is my top priority. Just as the City and State have worked together on public safety, we need additional support for fixing the water problems. We need \$30 Million in new funds to repair and update the city-wide infrastructure and to assist households in becoming lead-free. The entire Flint community deserves sustainable, safe, secure and affordable water now and into the future. Thank you for the consideration Governor and I look forward to future discussions.

Sincerely,

Dayne Walling Mayor, City of Flint

CC: Flint City Council President Joshua Freeman; Congressman Dan Kildee; State Senator Jim Ananich; State Representative Sheldon Necley; State Representative Phil Phelps; EPA Regional Administrator Dr. Susan Hedman; Chief of Staff Dennis Muchmore

CITY OF FLINT



Dayne Walling Mayor

January 18, 2015

The Honorable Rick Snyder Governor, State of Michigan P.O. Box 30013 Lansing, MI 48909

RE: Flint Water Improvement Plan

Dear Governor Snyder:

On behalf of the Flint community, I am writing to convey serious concerns about water quality and to request your support for my proposed Flint Water Improvement Plan. Access to safe and clean water is a basic human right, and, therefore, policy and budget decisions need to ensure that water is affordable and secure for everyone in Flint and all across Michigan it is essential there is City. State and Federal cooperation to address the challenges here and to meet the needs of vulnerable populations.

The Flint Water Improvement Plan is focused in five areas: safety, quality, access, investment and education. The plan puts safety and quality first because this is fundamental. It is designed to be a sustainable solution for the City of Flint and the community as we move towards a new permanent water supply from Lake Huron through the Karegnondi Water Authority. My plan offers new ideas and also builds on successful models of utility, energy and assistance programs at the State and Federal levels.

Safety & Quality

- * 100% Safety is the standard
- City of Flint reports testing data to the public to assure safety and expands testing sites and frequency.
- 8 ring on experienced river water treatment operational management in the City of Flint.

Access

- Announce an amnesty program for Flint water service turn-ons and reduce the turn-on fee-
- Develop a revised affordable payment plan policy to encourage customers to return
- Design Federal and State partnership to establish new Drinking Water Emergency Assistance Fund for the elderly and vulnerable families

Investment

- Accelerate water system improvements outlined in the City of Flint Capital Improvement Plan through Federal and State Investments
 - State approves City of Flint's Distressed Cities Fund applications

- Fédéral and State support for replacement or forgiveness of payment to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund due to Flint's status as a distressed community
- 6 Federal and State grants for infrastructure improvements in alignment with the Flint Master Plan
- City Water Department implements budgeted FY15 projects including leak detection, valve repairs, new pipes and meter replacements

Education

- Develop a community partnership with universities to provide household and business customers with information on testing and conservation
- Ongoing partnership with Michigan Department of Human Services, United Way, Salvation Army and community organizations to provide information and water assistance with the Keep the Water Flowing Fund and support services
- Expand youth energy initiative to assist households with conservation and efficiency (piloted in summer 2014 with Northwestern High School students, EcoWorks and Consumers Energy)

It is also critical to restore the public confidence in Flint Water. The implementation of this plan must be accompanied by extensive community engagement including local elected officials. My objective is to work with you and your appointed officials, State Senator Ananich, State Representatives Phelps and Neeley, Congressman Kildee, community groups, businesses, churches, foundations, the Flint City Council, and all of the City of Flint and government personnel.

It is imperative that we communicate better and provide residents more information. I understand representatives from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will be joining a public forum this week at City Hall. This engagement going forward is vital so thank you for supporting their efforts. I think this issue of transparency is important for communities all across the State. I recommend a review of the applicable laws and policies and, at a minimum, a new requirement that water testing data be reported publicly no less than quarterly by law in all Michigan communities in Flint's population category.

Thank you for the consideration Governor. There is nothing more important in Flint right now than fixing the water problems. We must work together to identify funds to repair and update the water treatment facilities and city-wide infrastructure and to help those persons without access to clean water so that the entire Flint community has sustainable, safe, secure and affordable water now and into the future. This is an important issue for the state of our State of Michigan and I urge you to work with us to implement solutions.

Sincerely,

Dayne Walling, Mayor

City of Hint

CC: Flint City Council President Joshua Freeman; Congressman Dan Kildee; State Senator Jim Ananich; State Representative Sheldon Neeley; State Representative Phil Phelps; Flint Emergency Manager Jerry Ambrose

From: Adamczyk, Lynne (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 9:27 AM

To: Stoken, Laura (GOV); Wisniewski, Wendy (GOV)

Subject: RE: Flint Water Request

Thanks, Laura, I will pass it through our system.

From: Stoken, Laura (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 8:04 AM

To: Wisniewski, Wendy (GOV) <wisniewskiw@michigan.gov>; Adamczyk, Lynne (GOV) <adamczykl@michigan.gov>

Subject: FW: Flint Water Request

Hey Ladies,

This e-mail came into the Governor's public facing e-mail box. I assume its for your letter process from the Mayor of Flint.

Thanks.

Laura

From: Dayne Walling [mailto:dwalling@cityofflint.com]

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 4:17 PM

To: GovernorsOffice < ; Snyder, Rick (GOV) <

Cc: Joshua Freeman < ifreeman@cityofflint.com >; senjananich@senate.mi.gov; Hollins, Harvey (GOV)

<<u>hollinsh@michigan.gov</u>>; Muchmore, Dennis (GOV) <<u>muchmored@michigan.gov</u>>; Phil Phelps

<philphelps@house.mi.gov>; SheldonNeeley@house.mi.gov; Hedman, Susan <Hedman.susan@epa.gov>; Natasha

Henderson <nhenderson@cityofflint.com>

Subject: Flint Water Request

Dear Governor.

I am renewing my call for additional funding to address Flint's water challenges. While significant progress has been made, with the fiscal stress and pending lawsuits against the City, there is a gap in the funds necessary to meet the adopted capital improvement plan and to respond to new needs with lead pipes. Attached is a letter of request. I thank you in advance for your willingness to review.

Sincerely, Mayor Walling

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From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 2:24 PM

To: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Clement, Elizabeth (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Redford,

James (GOV); Hollins, Harvey (GOV)

Cc: Wisniewski, Wendy (GOV); Thomet, Ruth (GOV)

Subject: FW: Comment sought on Rep. Phelps Files Suit Against State of Michigan, City of Flint

Attachments: Phelps_Verified FOIA Complaint.pdf

Importance: High

Please see below. Making sure I understand full back story on this, but FYI.

Let me know if anyone has additional background or insight, otherwise tracking down with DEQ.

From: Gary Ridley [mailto:GRIDLEY@mlive.com]
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 1:39 PM

To: Bitely, Andrea (AG) < BitelyA@michigan.gov>; Wurfel, Sara (GOV) < Wurfels@michigan.gov>

Subject: Comment sought on Rep. Phelps Files Suit Against State of Michigan, City of Flint

Hi,

I wanted to see if the state had any comment in response to this lawsuit.

Thanks.

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Gary Ridley | The Flint Journal-MLive Media Group | 810-280-9516 | gridley@mlive.com

From: Rosemary Jones [mailto:RJones@house.mi.gov]

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 1:33 PM

To: Rosemary Jones

Subject: Rep. Phelps Files Suit Against State of Michigan, City of Flint

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Monday, Oct. 12, 2015

Rep. Phelps Files Suit Against State of Michigan, City of Flint

Contact: Rep. Phil Phelps

Phone: (517) 373-7515

State, city failed to release documents sought in FOIA request

LANSING — State Representative **Phil Phelps** (D-Flushing) announced earlier today that

he is filing suit against the state of Michigan and the city of Flint to force them to release

public documents he requested last month under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

"It's an absolute shame that I have to file suit to force our government to comply with

the law," Phelps said. "I was shocked at their response, because prior to receiving the denials,

officials from both the city and state had told me that not only did documents exist, but they

would be happy to share them with me."

On Sept. 4 of this year, Phelps requested that the city and state turn over all documents

and emails regarding the permit and application process that Flint's emergency manager was

required to complete before the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality gave the go

ahead to the city to start using the Flint River as its source of drinking water. Late last month,

the state and the city both denied Phelps' request, saying that no such documents exist.

In March and April of 2014, officials from both the city and state were also quoted in

several articles on Mlive.com, making comments about the permit application process for Flint

to switch its source of drinking water from Detroit's system to the Flint River.

"I want to know what these officials knew about the safety and quality of the river water

before the switch was made. Judging by their response and recent actions, it almost seems

they knew a lot more than they are letting on to," Phelps said. "Flint residents deserve better

than this, they deserve to know the truth about the decisions that were made, and if I have to

fight this in court to get the truth, so be it."

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY GENESEE

PHIL PHELPS,

Plaintiff,

Case No. Hon.

V

CITY OF FLINT,

Defendant.

MILLER COHEN, P.L.C.

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VERIFIED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT COMPLAINT

There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the transaction or occurrence alleged in the Complaint against Defendant.

Keith D. Flynn

Plaintiff PHIL PHELPS, ("Plaintiff"), by and through his attorneys, MILLER COHEN, P.L.C., for his Freedom of Information Act Complaint, states as follows:

Since Spring 2014, families in the City of Flint have been exposed to a significant threat to their health and well-being caused by the decision to switch the City's water supply from Lake Huron water to Flint River water. This decision was made by the State's appointed Emergency Manager in the name of saving money. In the process, the health and welfare of Flint residents has been carelessly jeopardized with thousands of residents being exposed to contaminants, including E.coli, disinfectant byproduct, and, most recently, lead.

This threat is the very reason why the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) exists—to protect the public by insisting upon compliance with federal and state environmental regulations. The DEQ is supposed to work with suppliers of water, such as the City of Flint, and approve or reject applications for permits to alter existing water systems, including changes that are made to the source of water. MCL § 325.1004(6). Part of this process requires localities to provide the DEQ with detailed technical information evaluating any impact that proposed alterations might have on the quality of water provided to the public. *Id*.

State Representative Phil Phelps issued information requests under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Michigan Department of Treasury, and the City of Flint. Representative Phelps wants to see if the State and City knew in advance about the potential hazards now faced by Flint residents. He wants to see what had been done to avoid this disaster. He requests documents concerning evaluations of the quality of water in the Flint River, documents specifically pertaining to the application and permit process, and other documents relating to the change in the City's water source.

In public statements, State and City officials have discussed documents addressing the change from Detroit to Flint River water as Flint's primary source of water. However, in response to Representative Phelps' FOIA requests, they now deny that such documents exist. The cleanliness of the water is a critical health and safety issue, which must be revealed to the public. The Defendants cannot make public assurances of the existence of documents, only to refuse to turn those documents over.

As a result, Representative Phelps is now forced to file this action, along with another action in the Michigan Court of Claims, seeking to disclose information that the public has the right to know. For those reasons, Plaintiff Phelps seeks an Order from this Court requiring the City to respond to Plaintiff's FOIA requests and seeking costs and attorney fees for having to file this action.

PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

- This matter arises under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL § 15.231, et seq. ("FOIA").
- Plaintiff Phil Phelps is the elected State Representative for the 49th State House
 District. His District includes part of the City of Flint.
- 3. Defendant City of Flint is a public body as defined in MCL §15.232(d) having custody and control of public records. The City of Flint constitutes a supplier of water for the purposes of the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, MCL §325.1001 et seq.
- 4. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this complaint and venue is proper in this county, pursuant to MCL §15.240(4).

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 5. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each of the preceding paragraphs.
- 6. Pursuant to MCL § 15.233, Plaintiff, as a member of the public, has the right to inspect, copy, or receive copies of public records of a public body, including records of the City of Flint.
- 7. For almost fifty years, the City of Flint purchased Lake Huron water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department ("DWSD").
- 8. On June 28, 2013, ground was broken by the Karegnondi Water Authority ("KWA") to build a pipeline to distribute Lake Huron water throughout Genesee County without DWSD.
 - 9. Construction of the pipeline is set to be completed in late 2016.
- 10. Every community in Genesee County remained with DWSD during the construction of the pipeline with the exception of the City of Flint.



11. Darnell Earley, the Emergency Manger appointed to the City of Flint by Governor Richard Snyder under the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act, MCL §141.1541 *et seq.*, implemented the switch from DWSD water to the Flint River that took place on April 25, 2014.

THE DECISION TO SWITCH FROM DWSD WATER TO FLINT RIVER WATER

- 12. Prior to switching from DWSD to Flint River water, the City of Flint, in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Michigan Department of Treasury engaged in a process to evaluate the potential of using the Flint River as Flint's primary source of water. (*Exhibit A*, 91-95)
- 13. Gerald Ambrose, the financial advisor to the emergency manager for the City of Flint at the time, testified that: "There was brief evaluation of whether the City would be better off to simply use the Flint River as its primary source of water over the long term. That was determined not to be feasible." (Id. at 91)
- 14. Mr. Ambrose went on to testify that the determination that it was not feasible was made by "the emergency management team based on conversations with the MDEQ that indicated they would not be supportive of the use of the Flint River on a long-term basis as a primary source of water." (Id.)
- 15. Mr. Ambrose also testified in regards to an independent study that was conducted by the State Department of Treasury as to the feasibility of changing the source of water to the Flint River. (Id. at 93-94)
- 16. Notwithstanding this evaluation, the City of Flint decided to move forward with changing the source of its drinking water to the Flint River until the KWA pipeline was finished.
- 17. In order to do so, however, the City of Flint was required by the Safe Drinking Water Act to apply for a permit to change the source of water:

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(6) Before commencing the construction of a waterworks system or an alteration, addition, or improvement to a system, a supplier of water shall submit the plans and specifications for the improvements to the department and secure from the department a permit for construction as provided by rule. Plans and specifications submitted to the department shall be prepared by a professional engineer licensed under article 20 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.2001 to 339.2014. A contractor, builder, or supplier of water shall not engage in or begin the construction of a waterworks system or an alteration, addition, or improvement to a waterworks system until a valid permit for the construction has been secured from the department. A contractor, builder, or supplier of water who permits or allows construction to proceed without a valid permit, or in a manner not in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the department, violates this act. A supplier of water shall not issue a voucher or check or in any other way expend money or provide consideration for construction of a waterworks system unless a valid permit issued by the department is in effect. The department may issue a permit with conditions to correct minor design deficiencies. If eligible, a supplier may request an expedited review of an application for a permit under section 4a.

MCL § 325.1004(6).

- 18. The Safe Drinking Water Act provides that the DEQ administers the Act and promulgates administrative rules to enforce its requirements. One of those administrative rules defines "alteration" to include "modification of, or addition to, an existing waterworks system, or portion of the system, that affects . . . the source" Admin. Rule 325.10102.
- 19. On the DEQ's website, the DEQ provides the application discussed above. (Exhibit B)
- 20. The application requires the submission of highly technical plans and analysis for the alteration of the Water System. (Id.)
- 21. Failure of a "supplier of water"—which include municipalities—to apply and receive a permit prior to alteration of a Water System violates the Act punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for each day of violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both. MCL § 325.1021.
- 22. Prior to switching to the Flint River, it was reported that the City was in the process of applying for such a permit. (Exhibit C)

- 23. On March 28, 2014, it was reported that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality halted the City's attempt to move forward with the switch in water source without receiving the permit. (Id.) Steve Busch, the Lansing and Jackson district supervisor for the DEQ, noted that the DEQ had only received "preliminary design plans and preliminary specifications" that the agency had commented on. (Id.)
- 24. Howard Croft, Flint's Director of Public Works, denied the inadequacy of the plans provided noting that the City had provided "A fully engineered construction package, including all the work to be performed." (Id.) He went on to note that, "The submittal package has been under review for more than 30 days. The city has had ongoing discussions with the DEQ regarding the process and we anticipate a favorable response soon." (Id.)
- 25. On April 5, 2014, Emergency Manager Earley stated that the final application for the permit was filed with the DEQ noting that "We expect to have the permit early next week." (Exhibit D)
- 26. Sure enough, the very next week, the spokesman for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Brad Wurfel, was reported on April 10, 2014 as saying that the DEQ issued "a series of construction permits" noting that "They are racing to get all this work done." (Exhibit E)
 - 27. The switch to Flint River water took place on April 25, 2014. (Exhibit F)

RESIDENTS OF FLINT ARE EXPOSED TO CONTAMINANTS AFTER THE SWITCH TO FLINT RIVER WATER

- 28. Since switching to Flint River water, Flint residents have been placed in jeopardy being exposed to substantial threats to their health and safety due to contaminants found in their drinking water.
- 29. On August 14, 2014, the water tested positive for fecal coliform bacteria, E.coli, leading the City to issue a boil water advisory. (*Exhibit G*)
- 30. The water once again tested positive on August 19, 2014 with boil water advisories extending into late September 2014. (*Exhibit H*)
- 31. On January 2, 2015, a new threat to public health and safety was identified. In an effort to eliminate the bacteria, the City increased the chlorine used in the System. Residents began complaining that the water was causing skin rashes and their hair falling out. (Exhibit I)
- 32. Then, on January 2, 2015, the City of Flint officially announced that the level of trihalomethanes (TTHMs)—a byproduct of disinfectant—was higher than the allowable amount provided for in federal law forcing the City to provide notice to residents. (*Exhibit J*)
- 33. Long term exposure to TTHMs can create liver, kidney, or central nervous system problems, and may increase the risk of cancer, especially amongst those who have severely compromised immune systems such as infants or the elderly. (Id.)
- 34. Over nine months later, the City was finally able to reduce TTHM levels to the federal limit. (Exhibit K)
- 35. Most recently, in July 2015, Virginia Tech University researchers released the results of their own independent study of Flint's water supply revealing incredibly high amounts of lead far exceeding the allowable limitations of lead content under federal law. (*Exhibit L*)



- 36. On September 2, 2015, the researchers at Virginia Tech released another study that compared the DWSD water to the Flint River water (*Exhibit L*) That study concluded that the natural corrosive properties of Flint River water is leaching lead from the City's aging infrastructure. (*Exhibit L*)
- 37. On September 24, 2015, the results of a subsequent study by Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, program director for the pediatric residency at the Hurley Children's Hospital at Hurley Medical Center in Flint were released finding an elevated level of lead in the blood samples of Flint children. (*Exhibit M*) Specifically, the study showed that the number of children in the City with elevated blood levels nearly doubled after the city started using the river. (Id.)
- 38. According to Dr. Hanna-Attisha: "What we found in our data is concerning." (Id.)
 Dr. Hanna-Attisha noted that "This is not something you mess around with." (Id.)

REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS SEEKS DOCUMENTS RELATING TO CHANGING THE CITY'S SOURCE OF WATER TO THE FLINT RIVER AND THE CITY AND STATE FAILED TO COMPLY

- 39. In response to this health crisis, Representative Phelps requested the following records from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Michigan Department of Treasury, and the City of Flint pursuant to FOIA on September 4, 2015:
 - 1. All documents the [City of Flint/Michigan Department of Treasury/Michigan Department of Environmental Quality], or its agents, has in its possession, including correspondence, related to any waivers, permits or applications to use the Flint River as a source for water and/or drinking water for the City of Flint or any other municipality or municipal entity.
 - 2. All documents the [City of Flint/Michigan Department of Treasury/Michigan Department of Environmental Quality], or its agents, has in its possession, including correspondence, related to any communications between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, or its agents, and/or the Michigan Department of Treasury, or its agents, regarding any waivers, permits or applications to use the Flint River as a source for water and/or drinking water for the City of Flint or any other municipality or municipal entity.

3. All documents the [City of Flint/Michigan Department of Treasury/Michigan Department of Environmental Quality] has in its possess, including correspondence, related to any communications between the [City of Flint of Treasury/Michigan Department of Treasury/Michigan Department of Environmental Quality], or its agents, and the Office of the Governor of the State of Michigan, or its agents, regarding any waivers, permits or applications to use the Flint River as a source for water and/or drinking water for the City of Flint or any other municipality or municipal entity.

(Exhibit N)

- 40. On September 4th, Representative Phelps had a face-to-face conversation with Howard Croft, Flint's Director of Public Works, at the Flint City Hall beginning shortly after 3:00pm and ending around 4:20pm. Representative Sheldon Neeley was also present during the meeting.
- 41. Both Representative Phelps and Neeley asked several questions regarding the switch to Flint River water, the permits and applications surrounding the switch, potential hold ups/delays in the switch due to DEQ's approval process, and correspondence between the City of Flint and the DEQ regarding all of the previous items.
- 42. Howard Croft said that they did in fact have documents related to those topics and stated that it would be no problem to share them with both Representatives.
- 43. On September 14, 2015, the City of Flint changed its story. In the City of Flint's formal response to Representative Phelps' FOIA requests dated September 14, 2015, the City has refused to provide those documents. (*Exhibit O*)
- 44. Contradicting Mr. Croft's earlier assertions as well as statements made to the press in 2014, the City of Flint asserted that no such documents exist:

The records which you have requested do not exist under the name given by the requester or by another name reasonably known to this public body or are not retained by this public body in the performance of an official functions. This is a certification of their non-existence. No Records—Requested documents do not exist.

(Id.)



- 45. The DEQ responded on or about September 16th by telephone indicating that it was DEQ policy to provide copies of documents to members of the State Legislature free of charge and noting that there were several documents that would be sent over to Representative Phelps' office via email, but only if he withdrew his FOIA request.
- 46. Representative Phelps indicated that he had to contact his attorney to discuss whether he should withdraw the FOIA requests. Since that day, Representative has not received any verbal communication with the DEQ.
- 47. On September 28, 2015, after Representative Phelps refused to withdraw his FOIA request, the DEQ changed its tone like the City of Flint. (*Exhibit P*)
- 48. Brad Wurfel, the spokesman for the DEQ stated in an interview with Gongwer that "Flint did not have to file an application because the City has always listed the Flint River as its back-up should it need it for a water supply." (Exhibit Q)
- 49. Obviously, Mr. Wurfel's most recent statement ignores the statements that he, and others, made to the media prior to the switch. They all maintained that Flint was required to file an application for a permit with the DEQ and did in fact file an application that was ultimately approved by the DEQ on or about April 10, 2014.
- 50. Nonetheless, Mr. Wurfel indicated during that interview that "other documents . . . are available—to Mr. Phelps or anyone—dealing with the process the city and state took preparing for the switch." (Id.) To date, Representative Phelps has not received these other documents.
- 51. Similarly, the Michigan Department of Treasury denied Representative Phelps' FOIA request on the same grounds as the City of Flint and the DEQ on September 29, 2015. (Exhibit R)
 - 52. To date, Representative Phelps' has not received the documents that he requested.

53. The public has a right to know the degree to which the State knew about or took any action to determine the potential hazards of making this switch, prior to the decision being implemented by the State-appointed Emergency Manager. It is for that reason that Representative Phil Phelps brings this suit to compel the City of Flint to provide the documents requested pursuant to FOIA.

COUNT I

VIOLATION OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

- 54. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each of the preceding paragraphs.
- 55. Documents, such as correspondence and communications, relating to any waivers, permits or applications to use the Flint River as a source for water and/or drinking water for the City of Flint or any other municipality or municipal entity constitute public records subject to FOIA.
 - 56. Plaintiff reasonably described the documents that he was seeking.
 - 57. No exemption recognized under FOIA applies to Representative Phelps' requests.
- 58. The Defendant's denial is wholly without merit as acknowledged by the Defendant's own agents in the past. Defendant failed to perform a good faith effort to conduct a search for the requested records using methods reasonably expected to produce the requested information.
- 59. Hence, Defendant violated the FOIA, and for the violation, the Defendant should face all fines, costs and fees as pursuant to the FOIA statute, as well as be ordered to immediately tender the information.
- 60. Due to the Defendant's refusal to respond to the FOIA requests, the Defendant now bears the burden to sustain the reason for its denial. MCL §15.240(4).

61. MCL § 15.240(5) provides that actions commenced pursuant to FOIA "shall be assigned for hearing and trial and for argument at the earliest practicable date and expedited in every way.

WHEREFORE, and for the above-stated reasons, Plaintiff requests that this Honorable Court grant the following relief:

- a. Order an expedited hearing as required by MCL § 15.240(5);
- b. Order that the Defendant to immediately respond to the FOIA requests of Plaintiff as found in the *Exhibit N* letters;
- c. Find that the Defendant made a final determination to deny the FOIA requests, and such determination was in violation of the FOIA and arbitrary and capricious. Thus, Order that the Defendant pay to Plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees, costs and disbursements, and order punitive damages of \$5.00;
- d. Award all other relief as this Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLER COHEN, P.L.C.

By: ____

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Dated: October 12, 2015

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VERIFICATION OF THE COMPLAINT

I, Phil Phelps, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is authorized to verify this Complaint, that he has read the complaint and based on his knowledge it is true as to its facts and he believes it is true as to its conclusions, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Dated:		
	PHIL PHELPS	
Subscribed and sworn to before me on		
this day of October, 2015		
, Notary Public		
County, MI		
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Acting in County, MI		
My Commission expires:		



EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

JOHN WELCH, JUDITH WELCH, KENNETH SPARKS, JR., CAROL SPARKS, SHERRY MURPHY, AND MARK FULKS
ON BEHALF OF THEMSELVES AND ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED, AND UNITED RETIRED GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES (URGE), A MICHIGAN NONPROFIT CORPORATION,

Plaintiffs,

CASE NO: 2:12-cv-13808-AJT-MKM

VS

HON. ARTHUR J. TARNOW

MICHAEL BROWN, INDIVIDUALLY AND
IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS EMERGENCY
MANAGER OF THE CITY OF FLINT, EDWARD
KURTZ, INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HIS OFFICIAL
CAPACITY AS EMERGENCY MANAGER OF THE
CITY OF FLINT, ROBERT ERLENBECK,
INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HIS OFFICIAL
CAPACITY AS MANGER FOR THE CITY OF
FLINT RETIREMENT OFFICE, GERALD AMBROSE,
INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HIS OFFICIAL
CAPACITY AS CITY OF FLINT FINANCE
DIRECTOR, AND THE CITY OF FLINT,

Defendants.

The Deposition of GERALD AMBROSE, taken before me, Claudia M. Weekly, CSR-2963, on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at 1101 South Saginaw Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Flint, Michigan, commencing at or about 10:17 A.M.

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talking about, are you referring to the cost of the 2 City's participation in the pipeline? 3 Both. I had no direct involvement in any discussions relating 4 5 to the actual cost estimates for the construction of the pipeline. I was, however, involved in doing the analysis 7 of the cost benefit to the City of participating in the 8 Karegnondi Water Authority as compared to continuing to 9 receive, to purchase water from the Detroit Water and 10 Sewer System. 11 Were any other options -- did you look at any other 12 options apart from those two or variations of those two? 13 There was brief evaluation of whether the City would be 14 better off to simply use the Flint River as its primary 15 source of water over the long term. That was determined 16 not to be feasible. 17 Who determined that it wasn't feasible? 18 It was a collective decision of the emergency management 19 team based on conversations with the MDEQ that indicated 20 they would not be supportive of the use of the Flint 21 River on a long-term basis as a primary source of water. 22 What was the reason that they gave? 23 You'll have to ask them. 24 Okay. You don't recall? 25 I do not recall.

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1	Q	Now, am I correct in that is actually what is happening
2		now, for at least a short-term
3	A	That's correct.
4	Q	the City of Flint is using its own facilities and
5		supplying its own water through the Flint River?
б	A	That is correct.
7	Ω	When was the possibility of using that as a long-term
8		solution abandoned?
9		MR. WARREN: Do you mean the Flint River?
10		MR. ALEC GIBBS: Yes.
11		THE WITNESS: Probably sometime in FY13. I
12		don't recall specifically.
13		MR. BADE: I'm just going to object to the form
14		of the question. Abandoned by whom?
15	Q	(BY MR. ALEC GIBBS) By the collective body that was
16		responsible for making the ultimate decision by the City
17		of Flint, I assume. Sometime in fiscal year 2013?
18	A	Sometime between I guess sometime probably during '13,
19		I believe, or perhaps even midway through '12.
20	Q	Okay.
21	A	I don't recall the specific dates.
22	Q	But it was based on communications from the Michigan
23		Department of Environmental Quality.
24		MR. WARREN: Objection; asked and answered.
25		You can answer.

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THE WITNESS: It was based on information that 1 we received from others within the City who said that 2 MDEQ was not supportive of a long-term use of the Flint 3 4 River. 5 (BY MR. ALEC GIBBS) Who are the City of Flint sources who б communicated the Michigan Department of Environmental 7 Quality's position? 8 MR. WARREN: Object to lack of foundation. You 9 can answer. 10 THE WITNESS: I believe it was our utilities 11 administrator, our public works director. 12 (BY MR. ALEC GIBBS) And who are those individuals? 13 Howard Croft, Daugherty Johnson. A 14 Are you aware of an independent study on the feasibility 15 of alternative plans for water supply for the City of 16 Flint that was commissioned by the Department of 17 Treasury? 18 MR. WARREN: I'm going to object to relevance. 19 We're getting really far afield here. I'm not directing 20 him not to answer, but hopefully this can be tied up very 21 quickly and we can all move on. 22 (BY MR. ALEC GIBBS) I'm just asking if you're aware of 23 the study. 24 Tell me what the name of the study is. 25 I have it here. Mark this as Exhibit 5.

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1		(Exhibit Number 5 was marked.)
2	Q	(BY MR. ALEC GIBBS) Do you recognize this study?
3	A	I do not recall seeing this actual document, but I am
4		aware of the study.
5	Q	Okay. Do you remember when this study was commissioned?
6	A	I don't know. Apparently it was completed in February of
7		2013.
8	Q	The study makes reference to a number of meetings between
9		the City of Flint and the Department of Treasury
10		concerning the investigation into water supply options
11		for the City of Flint. Did you participate in any of
12		those meetings?
13	A	I did.
14	Q	What meetings do you recall participating in?
15	A	I recall one or two meetings in Lansing. I don't
16	00000	remember when.
17	Q	Do you remember if one of those meetings took place in
18		December of 2012?
19	A	I do not recall the date.
20	Q	Do you remember who participated in these meetings?
21	А	I do not recall. I was in attendance with the emergency
22		manager then Michael Brown, as I recall, or Ed Kurtz. I
23		honestly do not recall the dates and the timing.
24	Q	Okay. There is a reference to, if you look to Page 2 of
25		the study, it says although it appeared that this was

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a -- it references an option for the Flint water treatment plant to supply the City of Flint without being supplied from either DWSD or KWA was initially considered. The preliminary investigation evaluated the cost associated with the required improvements to the plant and the Flint River dam system. And that although it appeared that this was a viable option, Flint, in a meeting on December 20th, 2012 with the treasury, stated that the City did not want to pursue that option and it is no longer being considered.

Do you recall that being discussed in one of those meetings you referred to earlier?

- A No. But that's consistent with the decision that we reached.
- Q You indicated that you did participate in some of the evaluations of the cost projections at least as it concerned Flint's contribution to the pipeline.
- A Flint's participation in the pipeline, yes.
- Q Okay. Well, what is your understanding of what Flint's annual contributions will be over the term of years for the loan bond amounts? In other words, what are Flint's debt service payments relative to the pipeline construction going to be on an annual basis?
- A The debt service only?

Q And any payments associated with the pipeline

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EXHIBIT B

PERMIT APPLICATION FOR WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS

(CONSTRUCTION - ALTERATION - ADDITION OR IMPROVEMENT) AS DESCRIBED HEREIN Required under the Authority of 1976 PA 399, as amended

This application becomes an Act 399 Permit only when signed and issued by authorized Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Staff. See instructions below for completion of this application.

Municipality or Organization, Address and WSSN that will own or control the water facilities to be constructed. This permit is to be issued to:	Permit Stamp Are	a (DEQ use only)
WSSN:		
Owner's Contact Person (provide name for questions):		
Contact:		
Title:		
Phone:		
Project Name (Provide phase number if project is segmented):	4. Project Location (City, Village, Township):	5. County (location of proje
ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE	L DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT	QUALITY
cc:	Issued by:	
	Reviewed by:	
If this box is marked see attached special condi	tions.	
Instructions: Complete items 1 through 5 above and 6 thr all information except for signatures. Mail completed applica		

Please Note:

a. This **PERMIT** only authorizes the construction, alteration, addition or improvement of the water system described herein and is issued solely under the authority of 1976 PA 399, as amended.

District Office having jurisdiction in the area of the proposed construction.

- b. The issuance of this **PERMIT** does not authorize violation of any federal, state or local laws or regulations, nor doe it obviate the necessity of obtaining such permits, including any other DEQ permits, or approvals from other units c government as may be required by law.
- c. This PERMIT expires two (2) years after the date of issuance in accordance with R 325.11306, 1976 PA 399, administrative rules, unless construction has been initiated prior to expiration.
- d. Noncompliance with the conditions of this permit and the requirements of the Act constitutes a violation of the Act.
- e. Applicant must give notice to public utilities in accordance with 1974 PA 53, (MISS DIG), being Section 460.701 to 460.718 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and comply with each of the requirements of that Act.
- f. All earth changing activities must be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act, Part 91, 1994 PA 451, as amended.
- g. All construction activity impacting wetlands must be conducted in accordance with the Wetland Protection Act, Par 303, 1994 PA 451, as amended.
- Intentionally providing false information in this application constitutes fraud which is punishable by fine and/or imprisonment.
- i. Where applicable for water withdrawals, the issuance of this permit indicates compliance with the requirements of Part 327 of Act 451, Great Lakes Preservation Act.

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Facilities Description – In the space below provide a detailed description of the proposed project. Applications without adequate facilities descriptions will be returned. SEE EXAMPLES BELOW. Use additional sheets if needed.

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Water Mains	500 feet of 8-inch water main in First Street from Main Street north to State Street. OR 250 feet of 12-inch water main in Clark Road from an existing 8-inch main in Third Avenue north to a
	hydrant.
Booster Stations	A booster station located at the southwest corner of Third Avenue and Main Street, and equipped with two, 15 Hp pumps each rated 150 gpm @ 200 feet TDH. Station includes backup power and all other equipment as required for proper operation.
Elevated Storage Tank	A 300,000 gallon elevated storage tank located in City Park. The proposed tank shall be spherical, all welded construction and supported on a single pedestal. The tank shall be 150 feet in height, 40 feet in diameter with a normal operating range of 130 – 145 feet. The interior coating system shall be ANSI/NSF Standard 61 approved or equivalent. The tank will be equipped with a cathodic protection system, and includes a tank level control system with telemetry.
Chemical Feed	A positive displacement chemical feed pump, rated at 24 gpd @ 110 psi to apply a chlorine solution for Well No. 1. Chlorine is 12.5% NaOCL, ANSI/NSF Standard 60 approved and will be applied at a rate of 1.0 mg/l of actual chlorine.
Water Supply Well	Well No. 3, a 200 foot deep well with 170 feet of 8-inch casing and 30 feet of 8-inch, 10 slot screen. The well will be equipped with a 20 Hp submersible pump and motor rated 200 gpm @ 225 feet TDH, set at 160 feet below land surface.
Treatment Facilities	A 5 million gpd water treatment plant located at the north end of Second Avenue. The facility will include 6 low service pumps, 2 rapid mix basins, 4 flocculation/sedimentation basins, 8 dual media filters, 3 million gallon water storage reservoir and 6 high service pumps. Also included are chemical feed pumps and related appurtenances for the addition of alum, fluoride, phosphate and chlorine.

Permit Application for Water Systems (Continued)

General Project Information - Complete all boxes below	OW.	
 Design engineer's name, engineering firm, address, phone number, and email address: 	8. Indicate who will provide project construction inspection: Organization listed in Box 1. Engineering firm listed in Box 7. Other - name, address, and phone number listed below.	
9. Is a basis of design attached? ☐YES ☐NO		
If no, briefly explain why a basis of design is not needed.		
10. Are sealed and signed engineering plans attached? ☐YES ☐NO		
If no, briefly explain why engineering plans are not needed.		
11. Are sealed and signed construction specifications attached? Straightful S		
If specifications are not attached, they need to be on file at D	FO	
12. Were Recommended Standards for Water Works, Sugge		
and the requirements of Act 399 and its administrative rules followed? ☐YES ☐NO		
If no, explain which deviations were made and why.		
13. Are all coatings, chemical additives and construction materials.	erials ANSI/NSF or other adequate 3 rd party approved?	
If no, describe what coatings, additives or materials did not m		
14. Are all water system facilities being installed in the public (For projects not located in the public right-of-way, utility e ☐YES ☐NO		
If no, explain how access will be obtained.		
15. Is the project construction activity within a wetland (as defined by Section 324.30301(d)) of Part 303, 1994 PA 451? YES NO		
If yes, a wetland permit must be obtained.		
16. Is the project construction activity within a 100-year floodplain (as defined by R 323.1311(e)) of Part 31, 1994 PA 451,		
administrative rules? YES INO		
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If yes, a flood plain permit must be obtained.		
17. Is the project construction activity within 500 feet of a lake	e, reservoir, or stream?	
If yes, a Soil and Erosion Control Permit must be obtained or Authorized Public Agency (Section 10 of Part 91, 1994 PA 45		

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18. Will the proposed construction act	tivity be part of a project involving the disturbance of fi	ve (5) or more acres of land?
If yes, is this activity regulated by the	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System storr discharge storm water from construction activities mu	
NO: Describe why activity is no Please call 517-241-8993 with question	ot regulated: ons regarding the applicability of the storm water regu	lations.
19. Is the project in or adjacent to a si ☐YES ☐NO	ite of suspected or known soil or groundwater contami	nation?
construction. Contact the local DEQ of	able to the DEQ for handling contaminated soils and/o district office for listings of Michigan sites of environme OLESALE/BULK PURCHASER, COMPLETE THE FO	ental contamination.
	water supply system (seller)	
	ract require water producer/seller to review and appro- aser water system construction plans?	ve
If yes to #2, the producer/seller	approval letter must be attached when submitted to [DEQ.
complete the owner's certifi	e owner of the proposed facilities or the owner's autho ication. It is anticipated that the owner will either be a tc.) or a private owner (individual, company, associati	governmental agency (city,
	OWNER'S CERTIFICATION	
l, (print)	(name), acting as the (pri	(title/position) fo
(print)	(entity owning proposed facil	ities) certify that this project has
been reviewed and approved as deta	iled by the Plans and Specifications submitted under 1976 PA 399, as amended, and its administrative rule	
Signature*	Date	Phone
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^{*}Original signature only, no photocopies will be accepted.

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PROJECT BASIS OF DESIGN - FOR WATER MAIN PROJECTS

PROJ	ECT NAME:		
For pr	s PROJECT the following information must be provided per ojects other than water main installation, or if additional spaced and Basis of Design calculations.		
A.	A general map of the initial and ultimate service areas Included on engineering plans	ched separately	
B.	Number of service connections served by this permit application		
C.	Total number of service connections ultimately served by entire project		
D.	Residential Equivalent Units (REUs) served by this permit application		
E.	Total Residential Equivalent Units (REUs) ultimately served by entire project		
F. Water flow rates for proposed project based on REUs listed in "D' and "E" above			
	1. Initial design average day flow (mgd)	·	
	2. Initial design maximum day flow (mgd)		
	3. Total design average day flow (mgd)		
	4. Total design maximum day flow (mgd)		
	5. Required fire flows: (1)	gpm for hours	
G.	Actual flows and pressures of existing system at the connection point(s) (2)	gpm at psi gpm at psi gpm at psi gpm at psi	
H.	Estimated minimum flows and pressures within the proposed water main system (3)	gpm at psi	

- (1) Every water system must decide what levels of fire fighting flows they wish to provide. Fire flow should be appropriate for the area (residential, commercial, industrial) being served by the project. Typical fire flow rates can be obtained from the water supply, local fire dept., ISO or AWWA. The water system must then be designed to be able to provide the required fire flows while maintaining at least 20 psi in all portions of the distribution system.
- (2) Flows and pressures at the connection points must be given to determine if the existing water main(s) are able to deliver water to the new service area. These numbers can be obtained from a properly modeled and calibrated distribution system hydraulic analysis or hydrant flow tests performed in the field. If more than one connection is proposed, list as needed.
- (3) List what the estimated minimum flows can be expected in the proposed water mains based on estimated water demands, head losses, elevation changes and other factors that may affect flows, such as dead end mains.

EXHIBIT C



State says Flint hasn't applied for permit to use river as drinking water source

A look at Flint water plant's facilities

The city plans to switch over to the Flint River as a primary drinking water source in April. (MLive.com File Photo)

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on March 28, 2014 at 6:30 AM, updated March 28, 2014 at 6:35 AM

FLINT, MI – Not so fast, state officials are telling Flint administrators charging toward an April 18 date to begin using the Flint River for all of the city's water needs.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality says it hasn't received the proper paperwork from the city. When the state does get it, a review of the application for state permission to use the river could take 30 to 45 days.

The city is switching over from buying treated water from Detroit to using the Flint River for drinking water temporarily. Once the Karegnondi Water Authority completes its pipeline from Lake Huron to Genesee County, Flint will switch to the KWA.

"In regards to the actual application, we haven't received one," said Steve Busch, Lansing and Jackson district supervisor in the DEQ's office of drinking water and municipal assistance. "We've received preliminary design plans and preliminary specifications and we've commented on those. They may be waiting until they have all the comments worked out before they submit the application."

Flint has bought treated Lake Huron water from Detroit, but that contract was terminated when Flint signed on to purchase 18 million gallons of raw water per day from the Karegnondi Water Authority. The contract termination goes into effect April 17.

The under-construction pipeline will bring raw Lake Huron water to Flint and Genesee County when it is complete by the end of 2016.

People in the city will drink Flint River water until the pipeline is complete. The Detroit Water and Sewerage

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Department said it would stop selling water to Flint and Genesee County on its current contract on April 17, 2014. Genesee County is negotiating with Detroit for water until the KWA pipeline is flowing.

Busch said state reviews generally take between 30 and 45 days, but would not comment on if Flint would be ready to transition to river water by the time Detroit terminates the contract with the city.

"A fully engineered construction package, including all the work to be performed, has been submitted to the DEQ by the city of Flint in preparation for the transition to use of the Flint River as a temporary primary water source," said Howard Croft, Flint's director of public works, in a statement. "The submittal package has been under review for more than 30 days. The city has had ongoing discussions with the DEQ regarding the process and we anticipate a favorable response soon."

If the state hasn't approved Flint's use of river water by April 18, Busch said, the city would just continue to buy water from Detroit on a non-contract price until Flint has state OK to begin using the river.

"I don't think there is any scenario that we will just willy-nilly cut off service for Flint," said Bill Johnson, a consultant and spokesman for Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. "Negotiations are continuing."

Croft said the DEQ has been reviewing the request and asking questions throughout.

"When both sides come to an agreement and all issues have been addressed, then the permit is granted," Croft said in the statement. "Flint has been in ongoing communication with Genesee County and the DWSD to ensure that there is no interruption of water service to Flint customers. As the Mayor (Dayne Walling) said in his State of the City address 'beginning this spring, we will be using treated water from the Flint River as our temporary primary water source.' We are still on target to meet this goal."

Croft said there will be a series of public forums where residents can ask questions about the city's water transition, what that will mean for rates and others. He did not have specifics about when and where those meetings will take place.

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EXHIBIT D



Emergency manager says city could have permit to use Flint River water by next week

Ron Fonger | rfonger1@mlive.com By Ron Fonger | rfonger1@mlive.com on April 05, 2014 at 6:00 AM, updated April 05, 2014 at 6:03 AM

FLINT, MI -- The city expects to have a state permit that will allow it to use the Flint River for drinking water by next week.

Emergency manager Darnell Earley said today, April 4, that the final application for the permit has been filed with the state Department of Environmental Quality after months of working with the state to ensure smooth sailing for the application.

"We expect to have the permit early next week," said Earley. "We are still on track to operate our treatment plant this spring."

The emergency manager's comments come after a **story in MLive-The Flint Journal** last week indicated the DEQ had not received the proper paperwork from the city for permission to use the river.

DEQ officials said in the story that the application process could take 30-45 days, but Earley challenged the idea that it will take that long and said city and state officials have been working closely in advance of submitting the final application.

The city is attempting to switch from buying treated water from the city of Detroit to using the Flint River for drinking water temporarily by mid-April.

Once the Karegnondi Water Authority completes its pipeline to Lake Huron, the city has committed to switching back to using water from Lake Huron and the KWA again

Earley said he expects to transition from Detroit water to Flint River water by April 17, the date Detroit officials have set for terminating the existing arrangement between the two cities.

"We don't think there will be a lag" between those dates, he said.

Earley said he has a contingency plan if the switch to the Flint River isn't made by April 17. Detroit Water

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and Sewerage officials have said they don't intend to attempt to shut off the water supply to the city under any circumstances.

EXHIBIT E



Flint gets final permit approvals from state to use Flint River for drinking water

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on April 10, 2014 at 4:00 PM, updated April 10, 2014 at 4:10 PM

FLINT, MI -- Bottoms up, Flint.

The state of Michigan has issued the **permits needed** for the city to begin using the Flint River for drinking water, a major step toward ending water purchases from the city of Detroit as early as next week.

"They've got a series of construction permits" that were issued Wednesday, April 10, said Brad Wurfel, a spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Quality. "They are racing to get all this work done."

The permits have been on Flint's to-do list since the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department said it was terminating its contract to sell water here on April 17.

That deadline was issued one year ago, and city and state water officials have been working and consulting on required upgrades at Flint's water treatment plant since.

Flint spokesman Jason Lorenz said today, April 10,that the city is still targeting April 17 as the day to shut off Lake Huron water -- treated and pumped here by DWSD -- and to turn on the intakes into the river.

Because work is still going on inside and outside the city's treatment plant, the exact time and date for the switch hasn't been set yet, Lorenz said.

Earlier this week, Flint emergency manager Darnell Earley called the city's ability to cut out the cost of water purchases from Detroit a "monumental change" for the city.

"The city of Flint will be able to control water costs," Earley said. "I'm kind of glad we're not a part of that discussion (about the future of the Detroit water system) anymore."

A consultant hired by Earley is expected to recommend new water rates during a City Council committee meeting at 5 p.m. today. The emergency manager has already saidrates will not be reduced because of upgrades that are needed in Flint's water distribution system.

Flint officials will need that infrastructure upgrade whether they use river or lake water. City officials have signed an agreement to use Lake Huron water supplied by the Karegnondi Water Authority once the pipeline it is building is completed -- something that's expected to happen in 2016.

EXHIBIT F



Watch Mayor Dayne Walling, EM Darnell Earley drink Flint River water before turning Detroit connection

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Mayor Dayne Walling turns off water supply from Detroit, drinks Flint River water

Mayor Dayne Walling turns off the flow of water from Detroit as the Flint transitions to using the Flint River

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on April 25, 2014 at 1:00 PM, updated April 28, 2014 at 10:30 AM

FLINT, MI – Mayor Dayne Walling asked for a countdown from the group of about a dozen people huddled inside a small building on Friday, April 25.

"Three, two, one," they counted, then Walling pushed a small black button.

Seconds later, a green light winked out, and that was it.

Watch the video to see Flint effectively cut its water ties with Detroit when the mayor pushes the button.

Flint will use the river until the Karegnondi Water Authority builds its pipeline to Genesee County. The \$274 million project is expected to be complete sometime in 2016.

Friday's event at the Flint water treatment plant also featured Walling and other elected officials drinking Flint River water.

"It tastes like...water," said Fourth Ward Councilman Joshua Freeman after drinking a cup.

It should take about two days for the residual Detroit water to clear the city's water system before all Flint customers will be drinking treated river water.

"Water is an absolute vital service that most everyone takes for granted," Walling said. "It's a historic moment for the city of Flint to return to its roots and use our own river as our drinking water supply."

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EXHIBIT G



Second positive coliform bacteria test means Flint's west side water boil notice still in effect

Ron Fonger | rfonger1@mlive.com By Ron Fonger | rfonger1@mlive.com

on August 18, 2014 at 4:00 PM, updated January 17, 2015 at 10:28 AM

(This story has been updated to correct information about water test results in the boil water advisory area.)

FLINT, MI -- A second water sample in an area where residents have been told to boil their drinking water has tested positive for total coliform, meaning owners of businesses and residents there should continue to boil water until further notice -- at least until Wednesday, Aug. 19.

"We don't know yet what caused this. We don't have a smoking pistol," said Mike Prysby, an engineer with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.



Flint Journal file photo

Update: Flint officials say 'abnormal' test to blame in E. coli scare

Flint officials have ramped up testing in the boil-water area, a half-mile square area on the city's west side, since a positive test for fecal coliform bacteria on Thursday, Aug. 14.

Fecal coliform bacteria -- also known as E.coli -- can make people sick, and are a particular concern for those with weakened immune systems.

Prysby called fecal coliform bacteria in drinking water unusual, something that typically happens fewer than a half-dozen times in any given year statewide. Sometimes, doesn't happen anywhere in Michigan over a full calendar year, he said.

The second positive test for total coliform came from samples taken Saturday, Aug. 16, according to Prysby.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says positive total coliform tests suggest there may be a pathway http://blog.mlive.com/newsnow impact/print.html?entry=/2014/08/second postivie ecoli ... 10/1/2015

Second positive coliform bacteria test means Flint's west side water boil notice still in effect Page 2 of 3 for pathogens and/or fecal contamination to enter the drinking water distribution system.

For drinking water, total coliforms are used to determine the adequacy of water treatment and the integrity of the distribution system, according to EPA.

"The absence of total coliforms in the distribution system minimizes the likelihood that fecal pathogens are present," the agency Web site says. "Thus, total coliforms are used to determine the vulnerability of a system to fecal contamination."

Fecal coliform and E. coli are bacteria that indicate water may be contaminated with human or animal feces.

This is the area in which a boil water advisory is in effect on the west side of the city of Flint.

Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms, and may also pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems, according to a news release from the city.

Flint's boil advisory is in an area bordered by Mann Hall Avenue on the north and east, Whitney Avenue on the south, and the city limits on the west.

The contamination is a concern for Sandi Blackmon, owner of Sandi's Elegant Catering on South Ballenger Highway, who said she's scrambling to keep up with her work with a boil advisory in effect.

Not only does the advisory say water for drinking should be boiled, but also water for washing dishes -- even brushing teeth.

"I'm concerned, because I'm a former culinary arts student. I know about what food-born bacteria can do ... E.colí can be deadly," Blackmon said.

Representatives of other restaurants in the busy commercial area of Balleneger and Corunna Road said they were boiling water Monday and will be until they receive an all-clear message from City Hall.

"It's inconvenient but we do it -- we do the best we can," said David Todorovsky, an owner of Atlas Coney Island.

Flint Councilwoman Vicki VanBuren, who represents the area, has another reason for concern about the boil water advisory.

"My mother lives in that area," VanBuren said. "She has a lot of health concerns (so) I took her over some bottled water and told her not to use (tap water) to drink or cook with it.

Second positive coliform bacteria test means Flint's west side water boil notice still in effect Page 3 of 3

"This would concern me no matter what part of the city it was in," she said.

Council members could get more information on the water contamination and what may have caused it at committee meetings this week.

In the meantime, Prysby said there are multiple possible explanations for the contamination, including water main breaks in the area, chlorine levels that are off-kilter or a poor sample location or collection technique.

Prysby said water coming out of Flint's water treatment plant continues to meet all drinking water standards, meaning the problem is within the water distribution system.

"We haven't confirmed a reason," he said of the results, "We're still investigating further. In some situations, we never find out why."

The city is warning the people in the localized area to not drink the water without boiling it first for one minute, and letting it cool before using.

Boiled or bottled water should be used for not just drinking, but for making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes and preparing food.

EXHIBIT H



Tests positive for total coliform again in water-boil area on Flint's west side

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FLINT, MI -- Water in a small area on

Flint's west side has **tested positive** again

for total coliform, and the city's boil water

advisory there is continuing until at least Wednesday, Aug. 20.

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Mike Prysby, district engineer for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, said water in the half-square-mile area tested positive for total coliform on Saturday, Aug. 16, and Sunday, Aug. 17.

Flint officials have ramped up testing in the boil-water area since a **positive test for fecal coliform bacteria** on Thursday, Aug. 14.

The boil-water area is Mann Hall Avenue on the north and east, Whitney Avenue on the south, and the city limits on the west.

Fecal coliform bacteria -- also known as E.coli -- can make people sick, and are a particular concern for those with weakened immune systems.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says positive total coliform tests suggest there may be a pathway for pathogens and/or fecal contamination to enter the drinking water distribution system.

Total coliforms are used to determine the adequacy of water treatment and the integrity of the distribution system, according to EPA.

"The absence of total coliforms in the distribution system minimizes the likelihood that fecal pathogens are present," the agency Web site says. "Thus, total coliforms are used to determine the vulnerability of a system to fecal contamination."

The city of Flintissued a statement Monday, Aug. 18, saying "testing over the last 48 hours has shown no signs of E. coli or fecal coliform bacteria in the water," but makes no mention of the total coliform test results.

The city's statement says a sampling error is believed to be to blame for the initial abnormal test.

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Prysby said the back-to-back positive total coliform tests are a "general indicator there could be more pathogenic organisms present" in water but is "not a direct indicator."

"We haven't narrowed it down to any one possibility (but) we don't play Russian roulette with public health," Prysby said of the abnormal samples and the need to continue testing.

Prysby said test results are "moving in the right direction" because there have been no additional discoveries of E. coli or fedcal coliform bacteria in water.



Flint issues boil water advisory for section of the city after positive test for total coliform bacteria

Ron Fonger | rfonger1@mlive.com By Ron Fonger | rfonger1@mlive.com on September 05, 2014 at 6:56 PM, updated January 17, 2015 at 10:20 AM

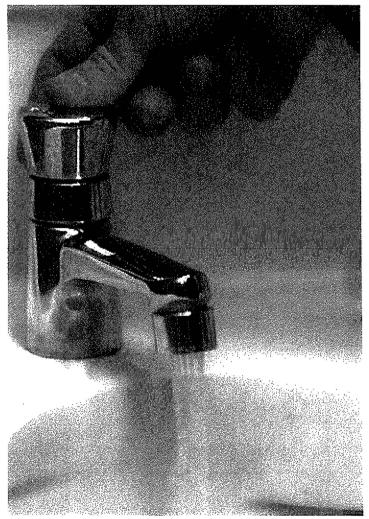
FLINT, MI -- The city has issued a boil advisory for a portion of Flint, saying water in the area has tested positive for total coliform bacteria.

The area of the advisory is bordered by Dayton Street on the north, DuPont Street on the east, the Flint River on the south, and by Lavelle Road to the Flint River on the west, the city said in a news released issued today, Sept. 5.

The latest advisory marks the **second time in less than 30 days** that residents
and businesses in a part of the city have
been told to boil or use bottled water for
drinking, bathing, making ice, brushing
teeth, washing dishes, and preparing food.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says positive total coliform tests suggest there may be a pathway for pathogens and fecal contamination to enter a drinking water system.

Total coliforms are used to determine the adequacy of water treatment and the integrity of the distribution system, according to EPA.



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Flint issues boil water advisory for section of the city after positive test for total coliform ... Page 2 of 2 system to fecal contamination."

Boiling water kills bacteria or other harmful organisms, according to the city's advisory.

"Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present," the city's statement says.

"Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E. coli, are present. We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing," the statement says.

The city says it will flush the system in the boil advisory area and increase chlorine added to water.

All water testing results at the city's Water Treatment Plant have shown Flint's water, which is drawn from the Flint River, meets all Safe Water Drinking Standards when it leaves the facility.

The city says anyone with questions about the advisory or any other water issues should call 810-787-6537.

Important Information About Your Drinking Water Tests showed coliform bacteria in the City of Flint water

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took 150 samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during September 2014. 15 of those samples (10%) showed the presence of coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 5 percent of our samples may do so.

What should I do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their healthcare providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. A portion of the City was notified to boil their water at the time of the incident until it was resolved. Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves.

Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than were allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E. coli, are present. We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing, and further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.

What happened? What was done? On September 5, 2014, after routine and repeat samples showed the presence of total coliform, a boil water order was issued to the affected area. That area was flushed and resampled until samples were non-detect for total coliform. The boil order was lifted on September 9, 2014. Samples collected since then show that all results met acceptable limits.

For more information, please contact Mr. Brent Wright, Water Plant Supervisor, City Of Flint - DPW at 810.787.6537 ext. 3510 or Flint Water Plant - 4500 North Dort Highway, Flint, MI 48505.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Flint.

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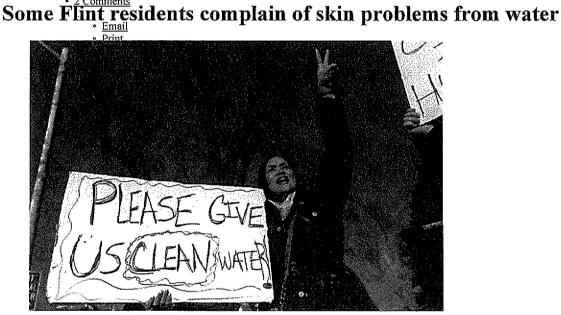
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In this photo taken on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015, Gina Reynolds, a University of Michigan Flint student majoring in social work, chants "clean water is a human right," at cars passing by during a small protest over the conditions of the Flint water system in Downtown Flint, Mich. (AP Photo/The Flint Journal-MLive.com, Sam Owens)

By The Associated Press

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FLINT-Some Flint residents are complaining that the city's water is causing skin problems for some children.

Hundreds of people turned out Tuesday to discuss Flint's water quality at a meeting with the mayor and city council members. Flint resident Qiana Dawson said her 4-year-old and 2-year-old have broken out in rashes because of the water, resulting in high doctor's bills.

"You all need to work with me on money," she said.

LeeAnne Walters said her 3-year-old, who has a compromised immune system, has been suffering from skin problems after bathing in the water.

"We got bad water," said City Councilman Eric Mays, who hosted the meeting. "If you buy a bad product, you return it for a refund."

The meeting was held hours after demonstrators gathered outside Flint City Hall to protest water quality and rising bills, The Flint Journal reported.

The city insists the water is safe.

Some Flint residents complain of skin problems from water

Flint Mayor Dayne Walling said officials needs to focus on how to improve the water.

"I'm talking with people about water every single day," Walling said. "We need to work together as a community, with the cooperation of the state and federal government, to fix this issue."

Issues with the city's water supply emerged after Flint stopped buying water from Detroit's water department. Flint officials this month said they were dealing with elevated levels of a disinfection byproduct.

Flint switched from using Lake Huron as its drinking water source in April. The city plans to use the Flint River as its water source until the end of 2016, when the Karegnondi Water Authority expects to complete construction of a new Lake Huron water pipeline.

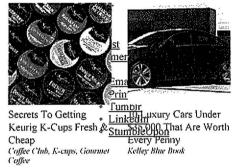
Some want Flint to switch back to using Detroit's water.

Walling has supported the decision by state-appointed emergency manager Darnell Earley to hire a consultant to correct the treatment of water from the Flint River. Gov#Rick Snyder on Tuesday announced that Earley would be put in charge of the struggling Detroit Public Schools district.

Earley said last week that going back to Detroit water was cost prohibitive and that the city "can ill-afford to switch course."

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EXHIBIT J

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

City of Flint Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Our water system was recently found to be in violation of a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Samples were collected for total trihalomethanes (TTHM) analysis from eight locations on a quarterly basis (May 21, August 21, and November 20 of 2014). The average of the results at ANY of the eight locations must not exceed the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHMs, otherwise our water system exceeds the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). The standard for TTHMs is 80 ug/L. The location reporting the highest TTHM level was 99 ug/L; thus, our water system exceeds the TTHM MCL.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do unless you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, or are elderly. In that case, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from your health care provider.
- You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

People who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being done?

We are currently working on solutions to correct the problem. We anticipate resolving the problem in 2015.

For more information, please contact Mr. Brent Wright or Mike Glasgow at 810-787-6537 or the Water Plant at 4500 North Dort Highway, Flint, MI 48505.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Flint.

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I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification requirements in the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules. Reminder to water supplier: This notice/certification must be sent to/the DEQ.

Signature

Title

Date Distributed



City warns of potential health risks after Flint water tests revealed too much disinfection byproduct

Ron Fonger | rfonger1@mlive.com By Ron Fonger | rfonger1@mlive.com on January 02, 2015 at 9:09 PM, updated January 17, 2015 at 10:04 AM

FLINT, MI -- The city says there's been too much disinfection byproduct in Flint's water system recently, something that -- over many years could cause liver, kidney or central nervous system problems and an increased risk of cancer.

The notice from the city says Flint water is safe to drink but warns those with "a severely compromised immune system, (who) have an infant or are elderly" that they "may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from your health care provider."

For others, there is no need to boil water or take other actions, the notice says.

"It 's been a rocky road," City Council President Josh Freeman said. "It's not acceptable.

"People have a reasonable expectation that they are going to have quality drinking water. This is obviously going to rattle people."

Mailed Friday, Jan. 2, the customer notices come after the state Department of Environmental Quality issued a notice of violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act for maximum contaminant levels for trihalomethanes -- or TTHM -- a group of four chemicals that are formed as a byproduct of disinfecting water.

As city water plant operators used additional chlorine to fight bacteria in the Flint water system this summer, disinfectant byproduct levels also likely increased, city officials said Friday.

Levels of TTHM have decreased since that time, and in Nov. 20, testing at eight locations showed only one that exceeded maximum contamination levels, according to the state's notice of violation.

Testing on Aug. 21 showed contaminant levels were higher than maximum levels allowed at each of the same eight locations.

"The water in our system today is not in violation" because of efforts to improve the distribution system and adjust water treatment, said Doughtery Johnson, utilities administrator at the Flint water treatment plant.

Those changes "have likely contributed in part to the reduction in TTHM levels reported in the most recent

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City warns of potential health risks after Flint water tests revealed too much disinfection b... Page 2 of 3 quarter, and suggest the city may be able to achieve compliance with the TTHM standard," the state's violation notice says.

City officials released a statement Friday saying its actions "appear to have corrected ... known compliance issues with the system, including a recent temporary increase in the maximum contamination level (MCL) of trihalomethanes (TTHM)

"Both the city of Flint and the MDEQ expect the corrective measures being implemented will resolve the issue by early 2015," the statement says.

The city's recent violation for excessive disinfectant byproducts is the latest in a series of issues for the Flint water system since officials **changed the water source** pumped to homes and business from treated Lake Huron water purchased from the city of Detroit to water drawn directly from the Flint River and treated in Flint.

The use of Flint River water is expected to be temporary because the city is a partner in the Karegnondi Water Authority, which is building a new water pipeline to Lake Huron.

Once that system is put into service, something that's expected to happen by the end of 2016, Flint will be in a position to return to using lake water.

Freeman said that long-term plan remains "the right path to be on" and said the city appears to be on course to fix the problem of disinfection byproduct levels, but Councilman Eric Mays called on the City Council to hold an inquiry about drinking water quality.

"Sworn information given under oath is the only information I trust," Mays said.

Residents have complained to the council about the smell and taste of the water since Flint stopped the flow of lake water here and there were three boil water advisories in a 22-day span this summer after positive tests for total coliform and fecal coliform bacteria.

In October, **General Motors announced** that it would no longer use treated river water at its engine plant here because of fears high chloride levels would cause corrosion.

Flint Department of Public Works Director Howard Croft said that the city's aging water distribution system remains the biggest obstacle to meeting Safe Drinking Water standards but officials have also said the relatively low quality of untreated river water and the need to more carefully manage chemical treatment has also been a factor.

Croft told a City Council committee in September that river water has proven hard to treat and to keep safe because of variables that wouldn't be factors in lake water, like temperature fluctuation and rain.

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But Croft said the city has made improvements to its distribution system and said additional improvements are on the way, including pipe replacements, leak detection and hydraulic monitoring.

Johnson said the size of Flint's water system, which once served more than 200,000 people and now serves about half that number, also makes keeping water fresh in distribution pipes difficult.

Stagnant water is more susceptible to contamination, officials have said.

Flint will remain in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act until every test site in the city has acceptable levels of disinfectant byproducts, Johnson and Croft said.

The next round of testing is scheduled to take place in February.

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EXHIBIT K



Lower TTHM levels put Flint in compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act

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FLINT, MI -- The city is no longer in violation of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act because the level of total trihalomethanes in water samples collected last month has fallen, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality says.

The DEQ notified the city of the test results in a letter Wednesday, Sept. 2, ending eight months of the city under a violation of the act. The city will no longer have to send water customers warning notices about TTHM levels.

"Creative measures by the city have been successful in achieving compliance with this standard," reads the letter from Michael F. Prysby of the DEQ. "These measures have included replacement of anthracite filter media with granular activated carbon as well as the optimization of water treatment plant and distribution system processes and operations as recommended through operational evaluations conducted by the city.

"It is important that the city continue to follow these recommendations in order to limit disinfection byproduct formation and maintain compliance (with state requirements)," the letter says. "While (requirements have) now been met at all eight compliance sampling sites, an individual TTHM concentration above (80 parts per billion) was measured at one location ... in August 2015."

The location of the highest TTHM test in August was at Salem Housing, 3216 King Boulevard, which registered 90 ppb. Flint's violation of the federal law was the result of the annual average of TTHM above 80 ppb at a minimum of one of the eight testing locations.

City officials have said they expected improved TTHM levels after the installation of the new **\$1.6 million** carbon filter this summer.

"The city of Flint is continuing to improve its water system, including both the areas of treatment and distribution," Mayor Dayne Walling said in a news release issued by the city Thursday, Aug. 3.

TTHM is a colorless, odorless byproduct of chlorinating water with high levels of total organic carbon. The city began having problems managing TTHM after it began using the Flint River as its water source in April 2014.

In past notices mailed to Flint water customers, the city has warned that drinking water with excess amounts of TTHM can pose increased health risks for those with a compromised immune system, the elderly, pregnant women and infants.

The good news on TTHM comes the day after researchers at Virginia Tech published an online report, saying tests show Flint **drinking water is "very corrosive"** and is "causing lead contamination in homes."

A statement from Walling on the lead issue says the city will work with the DEQ on a plan aimed at reducing the corrosive effects of water on older transmission pipes and home service lines.

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Scary: Leaded Water and One Flint Family's Toxic Nightmare

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By Curt Guyette

It took a while for LeeAnne Walters to realize the full impact of the number: 13,200.

Walters—a stay-at home mom with four sons and a husband in the Navy—had seen other numbers reflecting the quality of drinking water at her Flint home that were devastating. But 13,200? She'd never seen anything like this.

The city had tested her water twice in this past March and both times found dangerously high levels of lead—104 parts per billion (ppb) and 397 ppb, respectively.



Those numbers filled her with dread, because they meant her family had been exposed to high levels of a terribly toxic heavy metal that put her children's future in jeopardy.

But it was the result of a third test of the tap water in her home, performed by independent experts at Virginia Tech University, that most stunned Walters.

"It took a while for me to wrap my head around it," said Walters.

The VT researchers discovered lead levels in Walters' water reached a jaw-dropping 13,200 ppb—more than twice the amount at which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency classifies

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water as hazardous waste.

"When I saw those numbers I was shocked," said Virginia Tech professor Marc Edwards, a former MacArthur Fellow and respected authority on corrosion in drinking-water systems, who oversaw the tests.

Edwards played a key role in discovering and addressing the problem of corroded water pipes and lead in Washington, D.C. during the early 2000s, in what's described as the *worst* contamination crisis ever seen in a major *urban* water system.

In terms of lead levels, the Walters family's numbers eclipsed even the worst D.C. homes.

"I have never in my 25-year career seen such outrageously high levels going into another home in the United States," said Edwards. "This was literally hazardous-waste levels."

But the condition of Walters' tap water raises a much more far-reaching question: Since the city moved away from Detroit's water system and began pumping water from the Flint River, how many other families have been put at risk by the city's questionable testing procedures and handling of the water supply?

The Walters family surely isn't alone in dealing with the threat of lead-laced drinking water. Flint has tens of thousands of homes that are a half-century old or older, built at a time when water service lines were typically made of lead.

And according to various experts, including an EPA water-quality specialist, the city's actions are only exacerbating the threat.

"What the public needs is accurate information," explained Miguel Del Toral, regulations manager for the Ground Water and Drinking Water Branch of the EPA's Region 5.

Instead, the city is utilizing testing measures that almost ensure that worst-case scenarios such as the one facing the Walters family escape detection, asserted Del Toral in an internal EPA memo provided to the ACLU of Michigan.

Compounding the threat is what Del Toral describes as the continued inability of officials to adequately treat water coming into people's homes from the Flint River.

"I don't want to scare people unnecessarily," said Del Toral in a phone interview from his home in Chicago. "But there is absolutely a problem in Flint that needs to be addressed right away."

During his interview with the ACLU of Michigan, Del Toral said he was willing to go on the record with his concerns, but that he was doing so as a private citizen, not as a representative of the EPA.

EPA rules, he said, required that such interviews be routed through the agency's public affairs people. But he's willing to speak out nonetheless, he said, because of the potential harm to the public is so great.

WATERING DOWN THE TESTS

Perhaps the most vexing problem in all of this is the contamination caused by the city's decades-old network of lead and iron pipes—a problem directly connected to the switch to river

water, and the city's failure to adequately treat it.

Under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's rules, if lead reaches a level of 15 parts per billion in water, the source of the problem must be identified and corrected.

In early March, after months of requests (and only after Walters had received a doctor's note raising concerns about problems with the water), the city finally conducted a test. It found lead levels of 104 ppb the first time. A second test recorded a level of 397 ppb.



Residents protest the poor water quality

Blood tests, taken after those water-sample numbers were reported, revealed that one of her children, a four year old, had lead poisoning.

The news was devastating, said Walters, and the concern it creates for her child's future is haunting.

"Lead can affect almost every organ and system in your body," according to the EPA's web site. "Children six years old and younger are most susceptible ... Even low levels of lead in the blood of children can result in: behavior and learning problems; lower IQ and hyperactivity; slowed growth; and hearing problems."

Those dangers made Walters all the more determined to get her questions answered.

For one thing, she wanted to know why residents were being instructed to "pre-flush" water lines before drawing samples that would be tested by the city

After much searching, she found Del Toral at the EPA's Region 5 in Chicago. He explained to her that her instincts were right, and that she had good cause to be concerned about the way testing was being done.

"The practice of pre-flushing before collecting compliance samples has been shown to result in the minimization of lead capture and significant underestimation of lead levels in drinking water," wrote Del Toral in an internal memo dated June 24.

Del Toral went on to say that the city's testing methods were a "serious concern" because they "could provide a false sense of security to the residents of Flint regarding lead levels in the water." As a result, he warned, residents could fail to take the necessary precautions to protect their families from lead in the drinking water.

Virginia Tech's Edwards completely agrees with Del Toral's assessment.

"The net effect of a 'pre-flush' is to greatly reduce the likelihood of detecting lead in samples collected ... that would normally be present in the consumers drinking water," Edwards wrote in an email. "I have long maintained that the practice should be banned, as it artificially lowers the amount of lead detected in samples versus typical consumer exposure."

Asked about these concerns, city spokesman Jason Lorenz offered the following email reply: "While I cannot directly respond to Mr. Del Toral's remarks without first contacting the EPA

Region 5 office, I can say that the City of Flint follows all the testing procedures and schedules as required by the U.S. EPA."

He added that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) endorses the city's sampling method. The MDEQ did not respond to phone calls and e-mails seeking its comments on the controversy.

Del Toral contended in an interview that what Flint's doing is actually exploiting a "loophole" in the law.

"From a technical standpoint, there's no justification for the way Flint is conducting its tests," Del Toral said. "Any credible scientist will tell you [the city's] method is not the way to catch worst-case conditions."

There is no legitimate reason for the city's methodology, said Del Toral.

During his interview with the ACLU of Michigan, Del Toral said he was willing to go on the record with his concerns, but that he was doing so as a private citizen, not as a representative of the EPA.

EPA rules, he said, required that such interviews be routed through the agency's public affairs people. But he was willing to speak out nonetheless, he said, because of the potential harm to the public.

FLUSHING OUT REAL ANSWERS

It was Del Toral who, after determining that the lead problem plaguing the Walters family was coming from outside their home, connected LeeAnne with Edwards at Virginia Tech.

Instead of taking a single sample after a line had been "pre-flushed" under the city's direction, Edwards instructed Walters to collect a series of samples from water that had been allowed to sit in the service line long enough to accurately reflect levels the family could be exposed to under normal use.

(Meanwhile, that same service line, dug up and replaced after the sample collection, was found to be made of lead in one section and iron in another.)

Edwards tested the water and discovered that the lead contamination ranged from 200 ppb to the 13,200 ppb figure that stunned LeeAnne Walters—and should likewise shock many others.

Given the age of much of Flint's infrastructure, Edwards agrees with Del Toral's assessment that the test results they found at the Walters home amount to an alarm going off, and others in the city need to pay attention.

"I do not see any reason why there would not be serious problems occurring in at least some other Flint homes," said Edwards.

In 1986, the U.S. Safe Drinking Water Act was amended to prohibit the use of lead pipes in public water systems. Every house built before that is potentially at risk, said Edwards. About half of Flint's roughly 40,000 homes are at least 50 years old.

Making things worse is the fact that the high levels of chlorine being used to treat Flint's dirty river

water lead to the creation of a carcinogenic byproduct know as total trihalomenhanes, or TTH?M. To keep TTHM levels down, the city is adding ferric chloride. The trouble is, that additive can also accelerate the corrosion of lead and iron pipes.

Adding yet another layer to the problem is something the city is not doing.

According to Del Toral, Flint should be adding corrosion-control chemicals designed to help keep lead and copper in pipes from leaching into drinking water. Doing so is required by federal regulations, wrote Del Toral in his memo.

"To our knowledge, that is inaccurate," said Flint spokesman Lorenz. "Before the plant was placed in operation, the City (and our engineering firm) had numerous discussions with DEQ personnel and inquired if corrosion-control chemicals – typically phosphates —needed to be included in the treatment process. The use of these chemicals was not required or mandated."

What's indisputable is this:

Flint's water contained corrosion-control chemicals until April 2014, when Flint's ties to the Detroit water system were severed. Flint officials hailed that changeover as a cost-cutting move for a city facing a financial crisis so severe it had been placed under the control of a state-appointed emergency manager.

Discontinuing the use of the anti-corrosion chemicals allowed toxic scale built up on the insides of pipes over the past decades to be released into water flowing into people's homes, explained Del Toral.

In his memo, Del Toral warned: "The lack of mitigating treatment is especially concerning as the high lead levels [that result] will likely not be reflected in the City of Flint's compliance samples due to sampling procedures used..."

In other words, at the same time the city is exacerbating the problem, it's conducting tests that will probably fail to identify the true extent of the threat.

Del Toral described the situation as a "major concern."

"In the absence of any corrosion control treatment, lead levels in drinking water can be expected to increase," he warned in his memo.

The EPA offered Flint officials the use of agency experts to help get the situation under control, said Del Toral, but added that, to his knowledge, the city has so far declined all help.

LeeAnne Walters said that when she asked why city officials weren't taking the EPA's offer of assistance, she was told, "We don't need it."

Flint spokesman Lorenz, on the other hand, maintained that "the city continues to work closely with the MDEQ and the EPA Regional Office."

As for Walters's family, that the city has finally replaced the service line leading to their home, and lead levels have dropped below the 15 ppb EPA action level.

The problem now, she said, is that water currently coming out of her tap tinged yellow and smells of rotten eggs. City officials have given her no explanation as to the possible cause of that.

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It is just one more in a long list of questions that need to be addressed.

"What we need," said Walters, "are more answers."

But it's not just answers the people of Flint require.

They also need solutions. And, as Del Toral's EPA memo emphasizes, they need them immediately.

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Lead leaches into 'very corrosive' Flint drinking water, researchers say

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FLINT, MI -- Flint drinking water is "very corrosive" and "causing lead contamination in homes," researchers from Virginia Tech University reported online Wednesday, Sept. 2.

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"On a scientific basis, Flint River water leaches more lead from plumbing than does Detroit water," the report concludes. "This is creating a public health threat in some Flint homes that have lead pipe or lead solder."

The Virginia Tech report comes as students there, overseen by Professor Marc Edwards, are in the final days of testing water collected from 300 sample kits distributed to Flint residents.

On Monday, Aug. 31, the researchers reported 42 percent of 120 initial samples from Flint had lead levels that were more than 5 parts per billion, "which suggests a serious lead-in-water problem, according to our experience and criteria."

Virginia Tech was initially contacted by a Flint resident who had concerns about lead in **Flint water**. It has been working with citizen groups in Flint such as Water You Fighting For.

Twenty percent of the first samples also exceeded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency lead action limit of 15 ppb, the report said.

The EPA requires water systems like Flint's to collect tap samples from sites that are more likely to have plumbing materials containing lead.

If more than 10 percent of samples exceed 15 ppb, then water systems are required to take action, including steps to optimize corrosion control treatment.

Lead is a toxic metal that was used for many years in products found in and around homes, according to EPA.

"Even at low levels, lead may cause a range of health effects, including behavioral problems and learning disabilities," EPA's website says. "Children 6 years old and under are most at risk because this is when the

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Lead leaches into 'very corrosive' Flint drinking water, researchers say brain is developing."

The Virginia Tech report on Flint River water comes two days after representatives of three organizations delivered more than 26,000 online **petition signatures to Mayor Dayne Walling**, demanding the city end its use of the Flint River and **reconnect the city to the Detroit water system**.

The petition language says high lead levels are one reason the city should no longer use the river as a drinking water source.

Walling and Department of Public Works Director Howard Croft issued statements in response to questions about lead in Flint water Wednesday after Croft declined to discuss the issue in a news conference Tuesday.

Flint spokesman Jason Lorenz said the two would not comment further Wednesday.

"The city of Flint is currently in compliance with the safety mandates of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and continues to work with them to stay in compliance with all safety and quality standards," Croft's statement said. "We have also been in constant contact with Virginia Tech, sharing information as it becomes available."

Walling, who has supported Flint's continued use of the Flint River as a drinking water source, said, "Lead can be a concern in communities with older public and private infrastructure.

"The city of Flint has offered free and independent testing to residents since spring, and I encourage people to use this service if they have questions," Walling's statement said.

Edwards, a professor of civil and environmental engineering, said the elevated lead levels he has seen in Flint tap water are tied to a corrosive water source that contains about eight times more chloride than Detroit water does.

"Chloride is generally considered to be very corrosive to iron. For instance, chloride present in road salts applied in the winter causes iron in cars and bridges to rust," the Virginia Tech team's website says.

"This could be a huge public health problem. ... The Flint water just ate the pipe up," Edwards said of the testing he has overseen so far.

In the testing, researchers took copper pipe pieces joined with lead solder inside them, according to the report, which says lead solder is probably present in plumbing systems of many Flint homes built before 1986.

Lead solder-copper pipe test pieces were placed in containers filled with water from Detroit and Flint in the experiment, according to the report.

"If it were me, I would not be using (Flint River water) for cooking or drinking unless I had it tested for lead," said Edwards, who previously mounted a six-year campaign that succeeded in forcing the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to admit it had misled the public about the risk of lead in the Washington, D.C., area's drinking water, according to The Washington Post.

"Bottled or filtered water (is what I would use for) children under 6 years old or if I was pregnant," he said.

Brad Wurfel, communications director for the state Department of Environmental Quality, said the preliminary water testing results from Virginia Tech don't jibe with two separate rounds of testing during the past year by the city.

That testing indicated "Flint drinking water meets state and federal safe drinking water standards," Wurfel said.

Wurfel said lead levels detected in testing are not the result of water containing lead when it leaves Flint's treatment plant. But he said the state "has requested Flint optimize its water treatment to further limit exposure to lead from plumbing in homes."

The concerns about lead are the latest challenge for the Flint water system since the city started using the Flint River to replace Lake Huron water sold by the city of Detroit in April 2014.

Since the switch, the city has been plagued by issues such as water main breaks and boil water advisories because of bacteria and has been in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act because of high levels of total trihalomethanes (TTHM), a byproduct of chlorinating river water.

The Rev. Allen Overton, who hand-delivered petitions to Walling on Monday, asking that city officials reconnect the Flint water system to Detroit, said Wednesday that the Virginia Tech experiment is more evidence Flint is not using the best quality of water available.

"We have a major health issue here, (and) they are not being honest with the citizens of Flint," Overton said.

City Council President Josh Freeman said the city has been willing to provide customers with free water testing and has taken action — such as installing a new \$1.6 million filtration system — to address problems such as TTHM.

Councilman Eric Mays said, as more water testing is done, it becomes clearer that Flint should be negotiating with Detroit for a new, short-term water contract as work continues on the Karegnondi Water Authority pipeline.

The pipeline, a partnership between the city and Genesee County, is expected to bring untreated Lake Huron http://blog.mlive.com/newsnow impact/print.html?entry=/2015/09/new testing shows fli... 10/2/2015

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"They are trying to make the water safe by trial and error," said Mays, who called Flint's water situation "a disgrace."

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We are now three weeks into our laboratory experiment w.r.t. testing the relative corrosivity of Flint River water versus Detroit water (http://flintwaterstudy.org/2015/09/flint-rivers-water-is-very-corrosive-tolead-and-causing-lead-contamination-in-homes/). As the test continues, it becomes a more accurate measure of the relative corrosivity of the two waters. We previously noted, that it would be expected that Flint River water would be much more corrosive than Detroit water, due to its higher chloride content.

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Experiment: When we visited Flint, we took pieces of copper pipe joined with lead solder (old solder is 50% lead by weight (http://www.copper.org/environment/water/e_p_lead.html)) inside them. Lead solder is probably present in the plumbing of many Detroit/Flint homes built before 1986 when it was banned from use in drinking water systems (http://www.copper.org/environment/water/e_p_lead.html). We put the lead solder-copper pipe test pieces in 250 mL containers, and filled them with the following three waters:

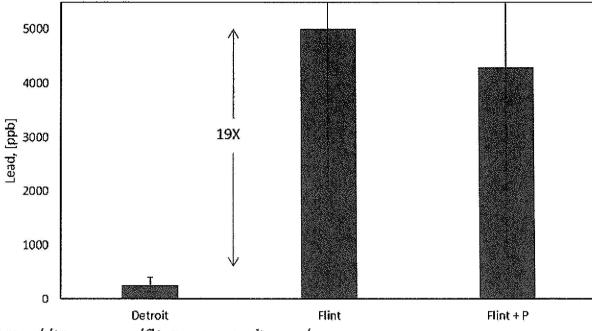
Test 1) Detroit water

Test 2) Current Flint River water

Test 3) Current Flint River water with orthophosphate (a typical <u>corrosion</u> <u>inhibitor (http://www.lenntech.com/products/chemicals/water-treatment-chemicals.htm#Corrosion%20inhibitors)</u>)

Test 3 was conducted, to see if *adding orthophosphate to Flint River water* would stop lead corrosion. About 50% of water companies in the U.S. add orthophosphate to their water to control lead corrosion, but it is not currently added to Flint River water.

Results and Observations:



(http://i2.wp.com/flintwaterstudy.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/update.png)

Figure 1 – Data from Week 3 comparing lead corrosion in Detroit water (left), current Flint water (middle), and Flint water with orthophosphate (right)

From the data shown above in Figure 1, it is clear that Detroit water is much less corrosive to lead solder than the Flint River water. On average, Detroit water is 19 times (or 19X) less corrosive than the Flint River water currently in use. That is, the current Flint River water leaches 19X more lead to the water than Detroit water. This explains why the lead in Flint's water in our survey, is so high, (http://flintwaterstudy.org/information-for-flint-residents/results-for-citizen-testing-for-lead-300-kits/) even when it was low before when Detroit water was being used.

We can actually still see the high lead in the Flint River water test by eye (<u>i.e.</u> as white particles suspended in the water

(http://flintwaterstudy.org/2015/09/flint-rivers-water-is-very-corrosive-to-lead-and-causing-lead-contamination-in-homes/). Lead levels in our test with Flint River water, were slightly above hazardous waste levels (5000 ppb), which is still lower than the worst levels of lead we detected in the

Test Update: Flint River water 19X more corrosive than Detroit water for Lead Solder; N... Page 4 of 12 home of Flint resident Lee-Anne Walters (http://flintwaterstudy.org/2015/08/hazardous-waste-levels-of-lead-found-in-a-flint-households-water/).

Orthophosphate still does not seem to help stop lead leaching in Flint River water, which is also consistent with expectations <u>based on experiments in high chloride water</u>

(http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0010938X11000382). There is a slight improvement, but even with phosphate, Flint River water has 16 times more lead compared to the same condition using Detroit water. We will continue to run these tests, but at present it does not seem like orthophosphate will provide a quick answer to the very high lead levels in Flint water.

Conclusion: On a scientific basis, Flint River water leaches more lead from plumbing than does Detroit water <u>as predicted before</u> (http://flintwaterstudy.org/2015/08/why-is-it-possible-that-flint-river-water-cannot-be-treated-to-meet-federal-standards/). This is creating a public health threat in some Flint homes that have lead pipe or lead solder. Unfortunately, adding orthophosphate corrosion inhibitor to the Flint River water, does not solve the lead problem.

PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS

We believe, that in the weeks and months ahead, MDEQ and Flint will be forced to admit they failed to protect public health as required under the Federal Lead and Copper Rule. The question that will then be asked is "What can be done to protect residents?"

Step 1: Issue Scientifically Sound Advice.

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The first step is to admit that <u>the water in Flint is not safe for cooking or drinking</u> (http://flintwaterstudy.org/information-for-flint-residents/results-for-citizen-testing-for-lead-300-kits/)— a fact that MDEQ still denies. According to MDEQ statements provided to reporter Ronald Fonger this week, which were presented to us for comment, MDEQ's Brad Wurfel asserts that:

"the issue here isn't Flint's water source or water plants. It's the high number of older homes with lead pipes and lead service connections....Folks who have concerns should get a water specialist to take a look at their home and see what they need to do to achieve peace of mind, because lead and copper are home plumbing problems that no water source can eliminate entirely."

We note that this is the exact same position that MDEQ and the city took months ago, after Lee-Anne Walters' child was lead poisoned from exposure to high lead in Flint water (http://www.abc12.com/home/headlines/Flint-mother-said-the-water-gave-her-son-Lead-poisoning-324496551.html). After MDEQ and the City blamed Ms. Walters home plumbing for the problem, an EPA water specialist did come to her home and inspected her plumbing. His finding: There were no lead plumbing sources in her home (http://www.aclumich.org/sites/default/files/file/EPAWaterReport062415.pdf). How does that finding, provide Ms. Walters and other Flint residents, with "peace of mind?"

Likewise, <u>during our sampling events in Flint homes</u> (http://flintwaterstudy.org/information-for-flint-residents/results-for-citizen-testing-for-lead-300-kits/), we are finding very high lead in other homes with modern lead free plumbing, which again points to city owned lead pipes and corrosive water as the problem.

On the basis of these facts, we consider MDEQ's position to be both unscientific and irresponsible, and we stand by our recommendations to Flint consumers, that they immediately reduce their exposure to high lead in Flint's water by implementing protective measures when using tap water for drinking or cooking.

Step 2. Implement Corrosion Control.

The second step will ultimately require some sort of corrosion control treatment to reduce lead in Flint water. Three options are possible as detailed below:

- 1. Switch back to the non-corrosive Detroit water. It is our opinion, based on years of experience, that Flint's lead levels would drop markedly in about one month.
- 2. Add orthophosphate to Flint River water. As indicated in this work, orthophosphate will not reduce lead leaching from all lead plumbing sources. On the basis of our extensive experience, we would only expect modest improvements to water lead levels if orthophosphate was added.
- 3. Wait for KWA pipeline. If orthophosphate was added to water from the KWA pipeline, it would be about the same corrosivity as Detroit water (Option A). In that case, Flint residents will have to live with the very high lead in their water, until at least one month after the pipeline is connected.

Politicians and residents will ultimately have to look at which of the above options is best for Flint, after weighing feasibility and costs.

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Lead levels in Flint water spiked after switch to river, state records show

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FLINT, MI -- City officials insist their own testing shows Flint water is safe and within federal guidelines for lead.

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But those same tests also show lead levels have been rising since the city began using the Flint River for water 16 months ago.

The results of Flint's testing for lead since 1992, released by the state Department of Environmental Quality to The Flint Journal-MLive, show 10 percent of homes sampled in the city's most recent testing contained 11 parts per billion or more of lead, with six of 69 samples exceeding the federal lead limit of 15 ppb.

Those are the highest lead levels measured in Flint by the city in more than 20 years, the state data shows.

In contrast, the city's tests of Lake Huron water from Detroit for one 10-year period -- from June 2001 until September 2011 -- resulted in just one of 155 samples registering higher than 15 ppb of lead.

Flint began treating river water in April 2014 after Detroit terminated an expired contract for selling water to the city. The cutoff came after Flint joined Genesee County to form the Karegnondi Water Authority, which is building a new pipeline to Lake Huron, a project that's expected to be completed sometime next year.

City and state officials have pointed to their own testing as evidence that Flint water is safe and under the 15 ppb limit, but have said little about the lead level drifting up.

Marc Edwards, who is supervising separate water **testing in Flint by Virginia Tech University**, said there's no mistaking the pattern.

"The Flint River -- based on the chemistry -- has an obvious propensity for lead to be released to water," Edwards said. "There should have been red lights flashing (when the city began using the river in April 2014) -- knowing that if you put that water into Flint's system without corrosion control, you're going to see a massive lead release."

That release is what Edwards' testing has shown as 10 percent of homes sampled by students and faculty from Virginia Tech have had lead levels of at least 25 ppb.

Since the testing started, Mayor Dayne Walling announced Flint would speed up development of a plan for reducing corrosiveness of city water and called for \$10 million in state funds to begin replacing lead and lead solder in water service lines and plumbing.

Flint Department of Public Works Director Howard Croft would not attribute higher lead levels to the river alone, but said the source of the water is one variable as is the amount of time water is stagnant in pipes.

"Lead is in there. It's always been there," Croft said. "We would like there to be no lead, (but) I'm happy how aggressively we are responding" to what the city has.

Steve Busch, Lansing and Jackson district supervisor in the DEQ's office of drinking water and municipal assistance, said lead testing results vary in many areas and a shift doesn't necessarily show Flint River water is more susceptible to higher lead levels than lake water.

"We see numbers fluctuate with the same treatment and the same water," Busch said. "We have levels go up and down from monitoring round to monitoring round."

Lead is a toxic metal that was used for many year in products found in and around homes, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Even at low levels, lead may cause health effects such as behavioral problems and learning disabilities.

Current regulations for lead in water began in 1992 and require a limited amount of testing to measure the degree to which lead leaches into tap water after flowing through lead service lines and lead solder in home plumbing.

If more than 10 percent of tap water samples from water systems exceed 15 ppb, the water system can be required to take steps like making water less corrosive or replacing lead service lines.

Since the EPA announced its lead and copper rule in 1991, Flint has collected 33 samples every six to 36 months but the number of tests increased after the city changed its water source to the river,

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according to state data.

State records show 100 samples were collected from Flint in the last six months of 2014, showing two sites with readings of more than 15 ppb of lead and 10 percent of homes registering at 6 ppb or more.

From January until June this year, the city collected just 69 samples, a reduction that was allowed because Flint's population had dropped below 100,000, Busch said.

The last time testing by the city showed a higher percentage of water samples above 11 parts per billion was 1992, immediately after new lead and copper rules went into effect.

In that case, the city of Detroit took five years to develop a plan to better control corrosion and lead levels and brought lead levels down from a high of 15 ppb in 10 percent of samples taken in Flint.

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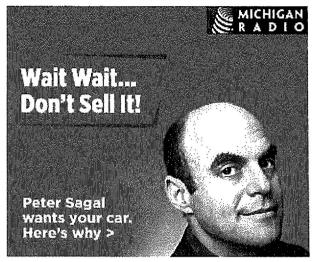


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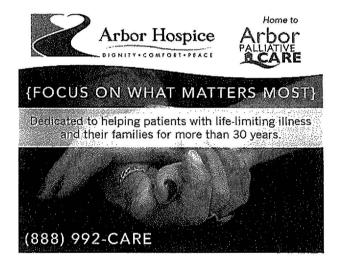
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The water in Flint is likely poisoning kids.

That's what pediatricians in the city say, after looking at lead levels in young children before and after the city switched the source of its drinking water from the Detroit water system to the Flint River.

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There's a long list of complaints about Flint's water. But physicians are really concerned about this one.

"My research shows that lead levels have gone up. I cannot say it's from the water, but that's the thing that has happened," said Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, a pediatrician with Hurley Children's Hospital.

Hanna-Attisha says she decided to look into blood-lead levels after researchers from Virginia Tech found elevated lead levels in tap water due to the corrosive nature of the river water.

She analyzed blood test results of 1,746 children age five and younger from Flint, and 1,670 non-Flint children. Before the switch, 2.1% of Flint children had elevated blood lead levels. After the switch, that rate jumped to 4%. By comparison, the rate for non-Flint children went from .6% to 1%, which Hanna-Attisha says is statistically insignificant.

She calls the city's response to water quality problems "inadequate," and says precautions need to be taken immediately.

"Because the impact of not doing anything will haunt us for years to come," says Hanna-Attisha, citing interventions like special education, lost productivity, and incarceration costs associated with high lead levels. "The cost will be astronomical in decades to come. So we cannot wait until this year or next year. We have to think five years from now, ten years from now."

Hanna-Attisha and other physicians are urging the city to issue an advisory about how to minimize exposure to lead in the water. The county health department says it's drafting that advisory now.

The news about the elevated lead levels did not surprise Lee Anne Walters. She found out her son had alarmingly high lead levels in April of this year.

"I kept talking to the doctors, trying to figure out why he wasn't growing," says Walters. "He was 27 pounds at four years old. His hair was thinning, breaking out in rashes."

Walters says her son would get a rash when he took baths. There would be a line on his body that corresponded with where the bath water ended. Above it, his skin was fine. Below it, where his skin was underwater, he'd get a rash.

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"The doctors in the city gave me a hard time testing my kids," says Walters. "I took them out the city to a dermatologist down in Brighton, who ran the test and called me personally to tell me that he did have lead poisoning and anemia from the lead poisoning, and he's having speech problems."

It turns out the rash was probably from a chlorine byproduct the city had to dump into the river water to kill the E. coli that had made people sick the summer before.

People knew that chemical – it's called TTHM – was a problem. But lead wasn't on many people's radar until a guy named Marc Edwards came to town.

"I want them to take responsibility. I want them to quit poisoning their citizens."

Edwards is a researcher from Virginia Tech. His tests of Flint tap water found lead levels in some homes that were higher than federal regulators allow – and a lot higher than the city found in the tests it conducted. He says the river water is so corrosive it's eating the lead from old pipes and solder.

"That's why we are actually asking for funding to help with infrastructure," said Flint City Administrator Natasha Henderson. "It's not a secret that the city is very financially distressed."

Henderson and other city officials say they're working with state and federal regulators to get a handle on the problem.

But they're quick to point out that the city's own tests show it's in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

But activists say they don't trust how the city arrived at that conclusion, and point to the Virginia Tech results as evidence that the city has been conducting flawed testing.

"I want them to take responsibility," says Lee Anne Walters, the mother whose son has experienced health problems since the switch. "I want them to quit poisoning their citizens."

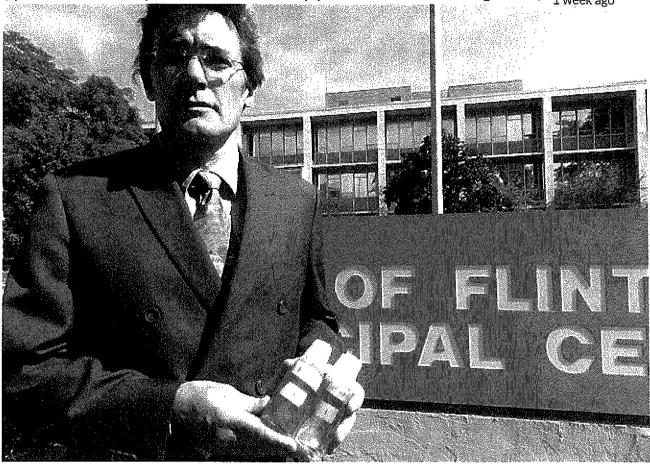
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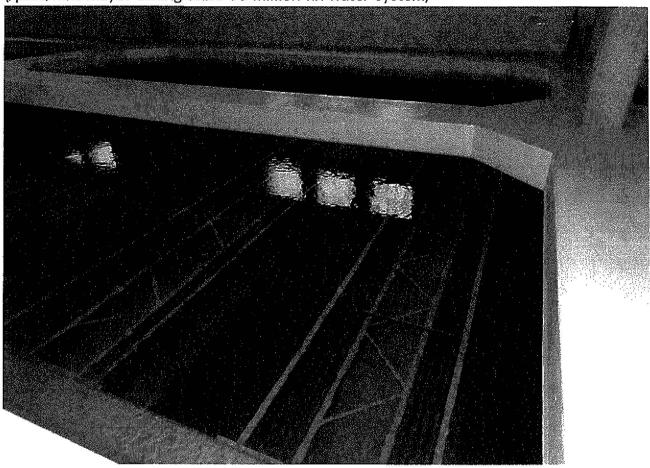
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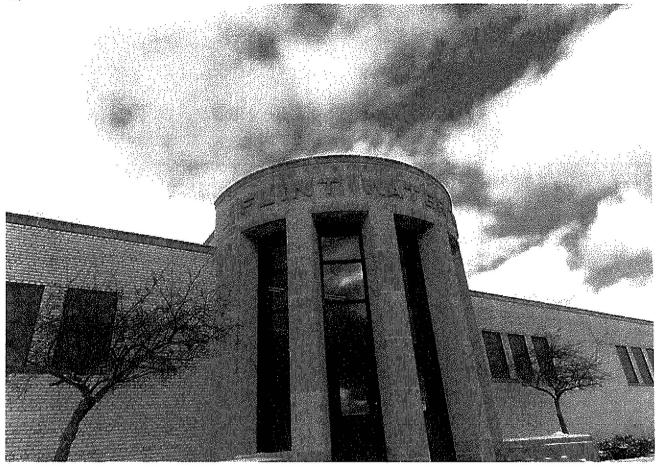
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Doctor: Lead seen in more Flint kids since water switch

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Number of Flint children with lead poisoning jumps after Flint water switch, says researcher.



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Flint's ongoing water woes are now associated with an immediate and irreversible danger — possible lead poisoning of some of the city's children, according to a review of blood test results by a Hurley Children's Hospital pediatrician.

"I was hoping not to find anything, but what we found ... is concerning," said Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha who also leads the pediatric residency program at Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine.

"This is not something you mess around with," she said. "Our population already has so many issues from poverty, from unemployment, from violence."

State officials say their own review of blood test results have not shown the same increase that Hanna-Attisha found. Moreover, water tests have similarly shown lead within federally accepted levels, they say.

Hanna-Attisha examined results from blood samples of Genesee County children taken both before and after the city ended its water contract with the <u>Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (http://www.dwsd.org/)</u>and began pulling water from the Flint River.

The number of Flint children with elevated blood-lead levels — 5 micrograms per deciliter or more — jumped from 2.1% in the 20 months prior to Sept. 15, 2013, to 4.0% between Jan. 1 and Sept. 15 this year. In certain ZIP Codes, the change was even more troubling, she said — jumping from 2.5% of the children tested to 6.3%.

Blood is often drawn by pediatricians as part of routine lead-fevel testing, especially among children who are on Medicaid. That gave Hanna-Attisha 1,746 test results from Flint children to compare against 1,640 results from elsewhere in Genesee County. Children in Genesee County outside of Flint showed no significant increase in blood-lead levels.

Health officials have said no lead levels are safe (http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/). Lead can lead to serious developmental problems, reducing a child's IQ and causing serious behavioral and emotional problems. Though levels can fall in individuals over time, the damage is permanent.

If Hanna-Attisha's analysis is correct, this upward trend in Flint interrupts years of progress in reducing dangerous blood-lead levels.

State data show that the percentage of children with elevated blood lead levels have been falling for years. In fact in 2013, 3.6% of Flint children younger than 6 had elevated blood-lead levels, compared with the state-wide rate of 3.9%.

Though Hanna-Attisha's review didn't try to determine cause, "we can't think of another reason" for the trend other than the change in Flint's water source.

The review is sure to ratchet up tension in Flint,

In 2014, city officials ended the city's contract (/story/news/local/michigan/2015/01/22/water-woes-latest-hit-filint/22193291/) with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (http://www.dwsd.org/), saying that water costs were too high. They opted instead to pull from the Karegnondi Water Authority, which is building a system to supply Genesee County with water pulled from Lake Huron. In the long run, this will mean lower water costs, officials have said.

But until the new system comes online in 2016, Flint is temporarily pulling water from the Flint River. Since it made the switch, residents have complained that the water smells, is discolored and makes them sick.

Soon after the switch, tests indicated the presence of coliform bacteria, which can suggest the presence of other disease-carrying pathogens. The water was then treated with disinfectants, and city officials maintain the water is safe.

The question is not that whether there is a higher level of lead in water from the Flint River — it's that river water may be more corrosive as it travels through lead pipes on residential properties and in homes, said Brad Wurfel, a spokesman for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. About 15,000 of the 40,000 Flint customers have lead pipes connecting to the city system, he said.

But he said testing has shown that fead levels in the Flint water system — both before and after the switch in 2014 — have been under the acceptable limit of 15 parts per billion during every three-year testing cycle since 1992. Additionally, two rounds of supplemented tests since the system switch put

lead levels at 6 parts per billion and then at 11 parts per billion - a change that Wurfel said fits in line with previous fluctuations.

Congressman Dan Kildee, a Flint Democrat, called state and local testing "lackluster."

For one thing, Flint residents collect samples, and there are concerns that there are too few samples and that they represent only some parts of the city. And Wurfel confirmed that about 60 bottles of water samples were turned in by citizens in the last round of testing, even though 200 bottles were sent out.

In the best of circumstances — with enough sampling and previous clean tests of water — citizen sampling might be adequate. But, in Flint — where there's a major change in the system that some residents say have led to health problems, "it seems to be a much higher standard would apply," Kildee

In addition to water testing, Wurfel a said state public health officials have reexamined results of blood-lead level testing among Flint children. In short, that data doesn't show the same upward trend that Hanna-Attisha's found, he said.

Wurfel said environmental officials aren't taking the matter lightly, and they realize the water system is in "dire" need of an overhaul. They've requested a meeting with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency authorities to "review protocols" to make sure the state's testing is adequate.

"Lead is serious. Lead builds up. Lead effects children. It's not something we take lightly," he said. "We're confident with what we've done, but we know there are concerns."

Angela Minicuci, a spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, any increase in the past year in blood-lead levels among Flint children is attributed to predicable seasonal spikes.

In the year preceding the change in the water system, 95 Flint children younger than 16, or 2.4% of those tested, had elevated blood-lead levels, according to state data. The following year, 123 children, or 3.2%, of those tested had elevated blood-lead levels.

There is "cause for concern in Flint," but it cannot be attributed to the water, she said.

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Lead can affect many parts of the body, and is most harmful when there is repeated exposure, even to small amounts. Even low levels of lead exposure can harm a child's mental development, and the problems worsen as blood-lead levels get higher.

The younger the child, the more harmful the exposure; unborn children are the most vulnerable, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Among possible complications:

- · Behavior or attention problems
- Failure at school
- Hearing problems
- · Kidney damage
- Reduced IQ
- · Slowed body growth

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t's exhausting to know the resounding yawn that appears to have emanated from the governor's workplace, following information that an growing share of Flint children have been lead poisoned after a change within the metropolis's water provide.

A spokeswoman for the Michigan Division of Well being and Human Providers despatched a Free Press knowledge analyst a chart she claimed would refute a report issued by a Hurley Medical Heart researcher, who discovered that because the metropolis began pumping water from the Flint River final April, the share of Flint youngsters with elevated blood-lead ranges has greater than doubled in some ZIP codes.

In reality, the state's information helps the Hurley researcher's declare — the variety of children with lead poisoning had been falling in Ffint and throughout the state, till the water change. Now it is rising.

A spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Snyder wrote in an e-mail that the Hurley knowledge had been "spliced and diced," a suggestion that it's one thing apart from correct — though the state's personal knowledge bolsters the Hurley report.



And officers throughout the administration have hastened to insist that Flint's water is

protected and to recommend that though printed reviews say Michigan Division of Environmental High quality information present elevated lead ranges in Flint's water, there's no motive to suspect that has prompted extra Flint children to undergo from lead poisoning. And thus far, none of it has it spurred them to motion.

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However here is the scenario: There's extra lead in Flint's water than there was. And extra Flint youngsters have lead of their blood, one thing that results in severe, irreversible behavioral and developmental issues.

The way it occurred

The Metropolis of Flint determined in 2013 to affix the brand new Karegnondi Water Authority, together with Genesee, Sanilac and Lapeer counties. That system will not be full till 2016. Within the Interim, the town — below former emergency supervisor Darnell Earley — opted to pump its water from the Flint River, as a substitute of constant to buy it from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Division — partly, state officers say, as a result of DWSD deliberate to lift its charges for a brief-time period contract, Town thought-about mixing Lake Huron and Flint River water, however finally selected to tug water from the Flint River alone. Genesee County, in distinction, will proceed to buy its water from DWSD whereas the brand new system is below building.



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Researchers say that Flint River water, extra corrosive than the Lake Huron water pumped by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Division, is leaching lead from the town's ageing infrastructure into the water provide.

The town, and its residents, need assistance. Within the close to time period, residents — particularly residents with formulation-fed infants, whose diets are composed virtually fully of water — residing in poverty want help to buy bottled water or filtration programs. And town wants to think about its lengthy-time period choices, particularly, whether or not to reconnect to DWSD till the Karegnondi system is full.

That would not be a easy course of. Former Flint EM Darnell Earley, now EM for Detroit Public Colleges, wrote in an e-mailed assertion that he was not concerned within the determination to make use of river water, though it occurred throughout his tenure. He was additionally EM when a 9-mite part of pipe was bought to Genesee County, a call he wrote was within the works earlier than his appointment, which means the town cannot reconnect to the Detroit system with out the cooperation of Genesee County.

Neither is the upper value of shopping for water from DWSD — about \$1.5 million a month — within the metropolis's price range, Flint Mayor Dayne Walling mentioned. The town, which emerged from state oversight this yr, would want the approval of its transitional advisory board to extend its water price range.

Flint, by the way in which, is broke.

U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee and state Senate Majority Chief Jim Ananich, each Flint Democrats, have pledged to deliver monetary and sensible help to the district.

For now, Walling mentioned, Flint's water therapy plant will start so as to add anticorrosive brokers to the Flint River water, which can take weeks to affect the water provide.

If I lived in Flint, I might be mad. If I had been a Flint mum or dad, with a little one who'd spent the final 12 months and a half ingesting lead-contaminated water, I might be in despair.

We're speaking a few public well being disaster - one that would have been prevented.

Whose fault is it?

Throughout their tenures, emergency managers are the last word authority within the cities they serve.

And so the accountability for Flint's water lies, finally, with Snyder, and the emergency managers he appointed — and it's Snyder who should come to Flint's rescue. Walling says Flint's residents want funds for instant aid, however that the town wants grants to begin to improve its growing older, lead-ridden water infrastructure.

Snyder hasn't hesitated to nominate or retain emergency managers in struggling cities throughout the state, a stance the Free Press Editorial Board has largely supported, with one caveat: Emergency managers need to make issues higher.

That's the premise on which the emergency supervisor legislation is based. Cities are the creation of the state. The state has a accountability to look after the well being and welfare of its residents, and typically, cities face challenges not fixable on the native degree. In these instances, the state should step in.

That is actually the case in Flint, which has suffered from the identical lack of inhabitants — and tax base — as Detroit, however with fewer property with which to leverage a passable consequence.

In these circumstances, the Free Press editorial board has argued, the state has a accountability to behave, to revive some fiscal stability, and thus service supply and high quality of life for residents.

That is the catch.

It would be straightforward to stability any metropolis's finances: Lay off all of the cops, promote all of the ambulances, liquidate town parks. However that would not make life higher for residents. That is the steadiness emergency managers should be conscious of — value financial savings versus high quality of life. Spending cuts versus service supply. A metropolis's backside line cannot be revenue-pushed.

That is the evident weak spot within the emergency supervisor legislation, and it on full show in Flint.

Snyder spokeswoman Sara Wurfel stated the state signed off on the swap on the behest of Walling and the Flint Metropolis Council, and solely "with severe reservations."

That is not precisely how Walling remembers it.

"I didn't assist it come what may," he mentioned. "It wasn't my resolution. I had lots of issues about it that I raised internally, however the funds was in place ... I had loads of considerations about it, however when it was determined that was the choice ... I didn't protest."

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When the Flint Metropolis Council voted this 12 months to reconnect to the Detroit water system, thenemergency supervisor Jerry Ambrose known as its resolution "incomprehensible": "Water from Detroit isn't any safer than water from Flint," Ambrose stated, as reported within the Flint Journal.

It is fairly clear that is not true. It isn't clear what anybody from the State of Michigan is ready to do about it.

Sixteen months in the past, Earley and Walling celebrated the town's departure from DWSD, elevating glasses of Flint River water, ready to toss them again, with a toast that strikes a hole word at present: Here is

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City: Keep original and provide copy of both sides, along with Public Summary, to requestor at no charge. City of Flint 1101 S. Saginaw Street Filnt, Michigan 48503 Fax: (810) 232-2114

Denial Form

Notice of Denial of FOIA Request

Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, et seq.

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 Sec. 10.
- (1) If a public body makes a final determination to deny all or a portion of a request, the requesting person may do 1 of the following at his or her option:
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History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977; -- Am. 1978, Act 329, find. Eff. July 11, 1978; -- Am. 1996, Act 553, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997; -- Am. 2014, Act 563, Eff. July 1, 2015

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Keith.

Just got this email while we were on the phone. The DEQ must have talked to Flint and decided that since Flint is not turning over documents that they are not going to either after they they both told me that they had documents to share

Thanks, Phil

---- Forwarded Message -----

From: DEQFOIA < DEQFOIA@michigan.gov>

To: "Phillip Phelps (pphelps277@yahoo.com)" <pphelps277@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 11:59 AM Subject: Request for Disclosure of Official Files

Mr. Phil Phelps 819 Main Street, Unit A Flushing, MI 48433

ear Mr. Phelps:

SUBJECT: Request for Disclosure of Official Files – **Executive Division and Water Resources Division**

This notice is issued in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442, as amended (FOIA), received on September 8, 2015. You have requested the following information: "Any waivers, permits or applications to use the Flint River as a source for water and/or drinking water for the City of Flint, etc." (FOIA 6422-15).

The purpose of the FOIA is to provide the public with access to existing, nonexempt public records of public bodies. Your request to examine or receive a copy of the documents described above is denied.

To the best of this public body's knowledge, information, and belief, the public record does not exist under the name given by the requester, or by another name reasonably known to the public body.

Under section 10 of the FOIA, the DEQ is obligated to inform you of the following:

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Susan Vorce, FOIA Coordinator Department of Environmental Quality 800-662-9278 degfoia@michigan.gov

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EXHIBIT Q



Volume #54, Report #195, Article #1--Thursday, October 1, 2015 Senate Activity Report | House Activity Report

Pressure Mounts On Flint Water; Snyder Prepares Actions

A coalition of Flint and state organizations asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday to order a switchover of the Flint water system with the Detroit Water and Sewerage system, in what is one of the most striking actions in the controversy. The demand came as state officials plan to announce a series of actions on Flint on Friday dealing with the water problems in the city.

One legislator - who also complained he had been denied documents from the state dealing with the switch from the Detroit system to using water from the Flint River (a state official said the wrong documents had been requested) - said there had been a general discussion, but no specifics about what Mr. Snyder might announce. Rep. Phil Phelps (D-Flushing) said he expected the state would provide more filters to residents to help curb lead in the water. Filters will be helpful, Mr. Phelps said, but not enough.

Governor Rick Snyder will not be at the event, to be held at Kettering University, but Flint Mayor Dayne Walling, along with Environmental Quality <u>Director Dan Wyant</u>, Health and Human Services <u>Director Nick Lyon</u>, Urban Initiatives Director Harvey Hollins and the state's chief medical officer, Eden Wells, will speak on the initiatives being pursued.

The presentation will be at 1:30 p.m.at the university's Innovation Center, 1300 Bluff Street.

The controversy over the water in Flint has grown exponentially since indications that lead levels, caused mainly by antique pipes and their connections, were elevated in children who were tested. Researchers said they could not absolutely say the elevated levels were from the water, but the measures showed the increase since the city made the switch. Also on Thursday, it was announced that the city had received donations to provide some 5,000 water filters to help contain the lead.

Prior to the discovery about elevated lead levels, the controversy over the system dealt largely with the smell and taste of the water. Flint switched from using Detroit water to drawing water from the Flint River in 2014 as the city prepared to build its own system that would draw water from Lake Huron. The switch was made largely because Flint and Detroit could not agree on a short-term contract to use the water, and the city, under a state-appointed emergency manager because of financial problems, did not want to pay the cost of Detroit water.

In a press conference on Wednesday, Mr. Snyder acknowledged that in making the switch, not all factors were probably considered.

The request for the EPA to order both the city and state to make the switch to Detroit water came with a variety of city and state groups, including the Concerned Pastors for Social Action, the Flint Water Study

Team, the Michigan Nurses Association, the NAACP-Michigan State Conference, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Michigan branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, getting involved.

The request charged that neither the state nor Flint were doing enough to fix the problem and urged that both be ordered to immediately have Flint's water system reconnected with the Detroit system, and that city residents be provided with a free source of water that meets EPA standards.

Mr. Phelps, meanwhile, complained that the Department of Environmental Quality denied and the Department of Treasury ignored a Freedom of Information Act request for documents related to the city's switch from Detroit water to river water. Anytime there is a change in water systems of the course of water, the community has to apply to the state for that authority.

But Brad Wurfel, with the DEQ, said Flint did not have to file that application because the city had always listed the Flint River as its back-up should it need it for a water supply.

However, there are other documents that are available - to Mr. Phelps or anyone - dealing with the process the city and state took preparing for the switch, Mr. Wurfel said.

Mr. Phelps said a DEQ official contacted him and said there were documents available and that they would be sent to him. The official asked that he drop his FOIA request, Mr. Phelps said.

On the advice of his lawyers, Mr. Phelps said he did not drop the request. But he had also asked the department for any documents that might have to do with the switch. After his request was denied, he received several documents dealing with the system, but the documents were from 2007 and did not have to do with the switch.

Mr. Phelps was surprised by the refusal and was planning what steps to next take.

In terms of what the state should do to help in the situation, Senate <u>Minority Leader Jim Ananich</u> (D-Flint) told reporters after session on Thursday that he thought the state should first help with distributing filters to residents, especially those who may be most vulnerable, listing pregnant women, children, women that are nursing, those with immune system issues and the elderly among them.

"That should be done immediately," Mr. Ananich said. "I think we need to have corrosion control put in place as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, I think we need some independent, outside testers to come in and develop the confidence level that's just not there with traditional people in place. And I think we need to have a serious look at reconnecting with Detroit. I think the state needs to help us find a new source of water."

He said he would reserve judgment about how well the state has responded to the situation until after the administration makes its recommendations and remains unsure about any estimates on how much it might cost for Flint to reconnect to Detroit water.

"There's been some negotiations going on at the local level, but I think it's important to get the real cost because it's a public health issue. And I'm hopeful we'll find that. I would hope that all folks, with an issue of this magnitude, would not try to gouge a community that's been suffering the way they are," Mr. Ananich said. "I think we need to all, at the state level, make sure people are negotiating in good faith."

And Senate <u>Majority Leader Arian Meekhof</u> (R-West Olive) said he is unsure what the state's role should be in terms of helping Flint. The Senate did, on Thursday, include a \$100 placeholder to deal with Flint's water

crisis in an appropriations supplemental it passed, but that was to keep the conversation going, Mr. Ananich said (see separate story).

"I don't know that we really have a solution there yet," Mr. Meekhof said after session. "We could use revolving funds maybe. I don't think the city of Flint is in as bad of financial trouble as the city of Detroit, so if they need to bond for something, they would have assets with which to bond and maybe fix the problem. There's lots of options that are out there."

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
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NICK A. KHOURI STATE TREASURER

September 29, 2015

Mr. Phil Phelps 819 Main Street Unit A Flushing, MI 48433

Dear Mr. Phelps:

This notice is issued in response to your request dated September 4, 2015, which you submitted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 et seq. Your request was received in the Department of Treasury (Department) by electronic mail on September 8, 2015. As set forth in the Department's September 15, 2015 notice, a statutory extension of time to respond was taken through September 29, 2015.

You have requested records which you describe as: 1) All documents the Michigan Department of Treasury, or its agents, has in its possession, including correspondence, related to any waivers, permits or applications to use the Flint River as a source for water and/or drinking water for the City of Flint or any other municipality or municipal entity; 2) All documents the Michigan Department of Treasury, or its agents, has in its possession, including correspondence, related to any communications between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, or its agents, and the Michigan Department of Treasury, or its agents, regarding any waivers, permits or applications to use the Flint River as a source for water and/or drinking water for the City of Flint or any other municipality or municipal entity; 3) All documents the Michigan Department of Treasury has in its possession, including correspondence, related to any communications between the Michigan Department of Treasury, or its agents, and the Office of the Governor of the State of Michigan, or its agents, regarding any waivers, permits or applications to use the Flint River as a source for water and/or drinking water for the City of Flint or any other municipality or municipal entity.

To the extent we understand your description, your request is denied. After a thorough search of Department records, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information and belief, no such records as you describe, or by any other name reasonably known to the Department, regarding any "waivers, permits or applications to use the Flint River as a source for water and/or drinking water for the City of Flint or any other municipality or municipal entity," exist in the Department of Treasury.

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Mr. Phil Phelps Page 2 September 29, 2015

In an effort to be cooperative, you may wish to contact the Department of Environmental Quality as they may have records responsive to your request.

As to the denial of your FOIA request, the Department is obligated to inform you that under section 10 of the FOIA, MCL 15.240 you may do the following;

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Pursuant to section 4 of the FOIA, MCL 15.234, the Department's FOIA procedures, guidelines and written summary can be found on the Department's website at the following link: http://michigan.gov/treasury/0,4679,7-121-72699-357926--,00.html.

Sincerely,

Carla M. Robert FOIA Coordinator

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Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 2:25 PM

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Contact: Rep. Phil Phelps Phone: (517) 373-7515

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Monday, Oct. 12, 2015

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On Sept. 4 of this year, Phelps requested that the city and state turn over all documents and emails regarding the permit and application process that Flint's emergency manager was required to complete before the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality gave the go ahead to the city to start using the Flint River as its source of drinking water. Late last month, the state and the city both denied Phelps' request, saying that no such documents exist.

In March and April of 2014, officials from both the city and state were also quoted in several articles on Mlive.com, making comments about the permit application process for Flint to switch its source of drinking water from Detroit's system to the Flint River.

"I want to know what these officials knew about the safety and quality of the river water before the switch was made. Judging by their response and recent actions, it almost seems they knew a lot more than they are letting on to," Phelps said. "Flint residents deserve better than this, they deserve to know the truth about the decisions that were made, and if I have to fight this in court to get the truth, so be it."

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Rosie Jones Deputy Press Secretary Michigan House Democrats

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On Sept. 4 of this year, Phelps requested that the city and state turn over all documents and emails regarding the permit and application process that Flint's emergency manager was required to complete before the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality gave the go ahead to the city to start using the Flint River as its source of drinking water. Late last month, the state and the city both denied Phelps' request, saying that no such documents exist.

In March and April of 2014, officials from both the city and state were also quoted in several articles on Mlive.com, making comments about the permit application process for Flint to switch its source of drinking water from Detroit's system to the Flint River.

"I want to know what these officials knew about the safety and quality of the river water before the switch was made. Judging by their response and recent actions, it almost seems they knew a lot more than they are letting on to," Phelps said. "Flint residents deserve better than this, they deserve to know the truth about the decisions that were made, and if I have to fight this in court to get the truth, so be it."

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From: Clayton, Stacie (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 11:26 AM

To:Stoken, Laura (GOV)Cc:Wisniewski, Wendy (GOV)Subject:RE: City of Flint Restoration

Thank you, Laura.

Stacie

From: Stoken, Laura (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 11:10 AM

To: Wisniewski, Wendy (GOV) <wisniewskiw@michigan.gov>; Clayton, Stacie (GOV) <claytons3@michigan.gov>

Subject: FW: City of Flint Restoration

Forwarding to both of you as this came into the Governor's public facing box but appeared to go to DM and HH as well....

From: Rep. Sheldon Neeley (District 34) [mailto:SheldonNeeley@house.mi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 10:42 AM

To: Snyder, Rick (GOV) <

Cc: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV) < muchmored@michigan.gov>; Hollins, Harvey (GOV) < hollinsh@michigan.gov>

Subject: City of Flint Restoration

Please review the attached letter.

Thank you.

Sheldon

From: Stoken, Laura (GOV)

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 9:08 AM

To: Wisniewski, Wendy (GOV); Adamczyk, Lynne (GOV)

Subject: FW: Teamwork and cooperation

Hey There,

This one came into the Governor's public facing e-mail box- Dennis is already on it and a few others but thought I'd pass it your way anyways.

Thanks,

Laura

From: Rep. Sheldon Neeley (District 34) [mailto:SheldonNeeley@house.mi.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 3:33 PM

To: Snyder, Rick (GOV) <

Cc: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV) < muchmored@michigan.gov >; Lyon, Nick (DHHS) < LyonN2@michigan.gov >; Wells, Eden

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<WyantD@michigan.gov>

Subject: Teamwork and cooperation

Honorable Rick Snyder, Governor State of Michigan

Dear Gov. Snyder,

I'm writing to voice my displeasure with the lack of communication between your office and mine concerning the water crisis in the city of Flint.

Since I have been in a position to represent my community at the Capitol, I have been in constant contact with your office to offer advice, help, partnership and solutions. My community elected me to represent them in Lansing, and I have been striving to do just that. Several letters have reached your office, and I have been highly vocal about the need to come together to fix the water crisis. This has been done with the understanding that we both care about the people of Flint, who I represent in the Legislature, and who you represent as governor of this state.

I have also reached out to Dr. Eden Wells and the Department of Health and Human Services and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to be proactive in addressing the issue of lead-laced water damaging the minds and bodies of Flint's citizens, especially the children. While this crisis could be solved by switching water sources, the problems will remain in the health of our future generation.

I had hoped that this entire problem would have been addressed through partnership, teamwork and cooperation. It is unfortunate that hasn't been the case. It is also unfortunate that common courtesy to my office on being kept up to speed with any operational changes and financial solutions has not been timely communicated.

I will continue to keep the lines of communication open as we address the continued problem of health in Flint, and I hope you will take the opportunity to join me in conversation to find future solutions.

For the Love of the Community,

Sheldon A. Neeley, State Representative 34th District

CC: Dennis Muchmore

Nick Lyons Dan Wyant Dr. Eden Wells Harvey Hollins From: Stoken, Laura (GOV)

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 3:02 PM

To: Scott, Allison (GOV)

Cc: Wisniewski, Wendy (GOV); Hansen, Rachel (GOV)

Subject: FW: Additional Steps for Flint

Hey Allison,

The below e-mail came into the Governors public facing e-mail account.

Forwarding your way.

Thank you,

Laura

From: Rep. Sheldon Neeley (District 34) [mailto:SheldonNeeley@house.mi.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 2:24 PM

To: GovernorsOffice < ; Snyder, Rick (GOV) < ; Muchmore,

Dennis (GOV) < muchmored@michigan.gov>

Subject: Additional Steps for Flint

Governor Snyder,

In the interest of being sensitive to the unforeseen problems that will affect children of this Flint Water Crisis, I am formally requesting you to forgive the debt balance currently imposed on the Flint Community Schools. I make this request because this school district will have the majority burden of addressing issues relating to the lead intrusion into the blood of children in this school system. There will be untold problems for years to come that will require an already overwhelmed school district to be required to meet the needs of these children who are victims of this disaster.

Respectfully,

Sheldon Neeley State Representative 34th District From: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 6:48 PM

To: Walsh, John (GOV); Wisniewski, Wendy (GOV); Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Clement,

Elizabeth (GOV); Clayton, Stacie (GOV); Hall, Jean (GOV); Ackerman, Darin (GOV);

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Michael (GOV)

Subject: RE: Letter of Appeal for Flint

I suggested to Dave Murray that he get a confirmation from John Roberts that the money is indeed available to be distributed just for confirmation sake. We've all been around enough of these to make sure our i's are dotted and t's crossed before we go out publicly.

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Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 5:09 PM

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We can work with the Legislative staff and prepare a response. Please note that Flint will be a recipient of \$2 million in awards under the Financially Distressed Cities and Townships program - \$900,000 for water and \$1.1 million for the incinerator. This has not been announced publicly — Treasury will be circulating internally their overall recommendations late this afternoon or tomorrow morning. We can coordinate how this information might be disseminated with Comms to assist with our messaging in Flint (I added Jarrod to this email chain).

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SHELDON A. NEELEY

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

January 29, 2015

Honorable Rick Snyder, Governor State of Michigan

Dear Gov. Snyder,

With the dawn of a new beginning in our state, the city of Flint stands on the precipice of civil unrest. This letter comes as an appeal to your office concerning this proud Michigan community and recent discussions pertaining to Flint's water distribution and management strategies for both present and future operations. Flint has had a long history concerning the implementation of water practices and financial management of its water assets. Our present journey has caused us to take a closer look at our 80-year-old infrastructure and examine a difficult position where we must correct some past and even present challenges, one of which is affecting the people of my community to the point of a fervor over something as simple as drinking clean water.

As we engage these challenges, Flint must revisit the present water revolving loan plans to determine how these current funding obligations will affect water delivery and asset development for the future. It is clear that no significant improvements can be obtained without some supportive concessions. Therefore, I am requesting on behalf of the 34th District, which contains a portion of the city of Flint, for you to consider an executive decision to forgive (intotal or part) Flint's water fund loan balances of \$20,770,336 so that we may effectively apply those funds to rebuilding the city's infrastructure, to competitively obtain highly qualified personnel and provide a more cost effective water delivery system. I understand there has been many requests made of your office to resolve this very serious issue, but this approach will best safeguard the health and welfare of the residents of Flint as well as minimize the potential for litigation against the city of Flint and/or the state of Michigan.

With a cost-effective water delivery system, we will be able to improve our system in the following ways: upgrade wastewater treatment processes, improve safe drinking water upgrades, and maintain and sustain a water system that provides a better quality of water product to the citizens of Flint.



It is imperative that this issue be addressed in some way on the state level. Residents of Flint are already finding themselves forced to take drastic measures simply to have clean drinking water.

Community health could be on the decline as citizens become afraid to even shower or bathe in their homes. The people of Flint bring bottles of brown water full of sediment and other foreign substances to community meetings, asking only to be treated as human beings. That is all I am asking of you - to see the suffering and anger from the people in one of Michigan's municipalities and understand that there is a need to react and respond to this crisis.

With the beginning of a new year to work toward a better Michigan, my office is ready to have discussions on this request and other planning that works to improve OUR Michigan. I sincerely thank you in advance for your consideration on this matter.

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CC: Dennis Muchmore
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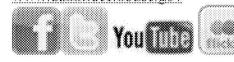
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Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 4:17 PM

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Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 3:06 PM

To: Baird, Richard (GOV); Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV)

Cc: Posthumus, Dick (GOV); Lange, Michelle (GOV); Rospond, Laurie (GOV); Clayton,

Stacie (GOV); Manolakoudis, Virginia (GOV)

Subject: FW: Additional Steps for Flint

From: Stoken, Laura (GOV)

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 3:02 PM

To: Scott, Allison (GOV) < scotta12@michigan.gov>

Cc: Wisniewski, Wendy (GOV) < wisniewskiw@michigan.gov >; Hansen, Rachel (GOV) < hansenr3@michigan.gov >

Subject: FW: Additional Steps for Flint

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Forwarding your way.

Thank you,

Laura

From: Rep. Sheldon Neeley (District 34) [mailto:SheldonNeeley@house.mi.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 2:24 PM

To: GovernorsOffice <

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Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 9:27 AM

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Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 5:21 PM

To: Stoken, Laura (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV)

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Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 3:12 PM

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September 14, 2015

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RE: Call for Additional Support for Flint Water Improvement Plan

Dear Governor Snyder:

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Significant progress has been made throughout this year to increase water safety and quality and I thank you for the involvement of your office, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the Michigan Department of Treasury. A majority of items in the Water Improvement Plan are completed or underway. Most importantly, Flint is now in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act due in large part to the installation of the new carbon filter. The infrastructure systems are being made more secure and efficient through the State grants. Now the City is committed to following the recommendation of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to optimize the treatment process, reduce corrosion and further minimize risks from lead.

The need to accelerate the City's capital improvement investments remains and has been further increased by the continued financial stress and legal issues. Previously I requested support for replacement or forgiveness of payment to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund due to Flint's status as a distressed community and the gap in funding in the adopted capital improvement plan. I understand that the existing federal law does not allow the existing Drinking Water Revolving Loans that Flint is carrying to be forgiven in retrospect but the need still exists. Flint owes approximately \$20 Million. One solution is for the State to grant a new \$20 Million that is designed as forgivable from the start. Another solution is to provide

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equivalent funding through an expansion of the grant program to Michigan's Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships with a supplemental budget amendment in cooperation with the State Legislature.

The community's heightened concern about lead leeching into the water from old service lines and home plumbing also needs to be addressed. We know that lead is an environmental contaminant and there have been many programs in place over the years to address sources in paint and pipes. Flint needs a new healthy homes initiative specifically focused on lead in water with \$10 Million to start the process of replacing service lines for the most vulnerable households. Regardless of the source and treatment of Flint's water, this long term threat of lead in pipes needs to be removed in the interest of public health.

My approach continues to be to work with you and your appointed officials, State Senator Ananich, State Representatives Phelps and Neeley, Congressman Kildee, community groups, businesses, churches, foundations, the Flint City Council, and all of the City of Flint and State and Federal government personnel. We need every available expert and resource to address Flint's water problems.

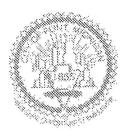
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The Flint Water Improvement Plan is focused in five areas: safety, quality, access, investment and education. The plan puts safety and quality first because this is fundamental. It is designed to be a sustainable solution for the City of Flint and the community as we move towards a new permanent water supply from Lake Huron through the Karegnondi Water Authority. My plan offers new ideas and also builds on successful models of utility, energy and assistance programs at the State and Federal levels.

Safety & Quality

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- City of Flint reports testing data to the public to assure safety and expands testing sites and frequency.
- 8 ring on experienced river water treatment operational management in the City of Flint.

Access

- Announce an amnesty program for Flint water service turn-ons and reduce the turn-on fee-
- Develop a revised affordable payment plan policy to encourage customers to return
- Design Federal and State partnership to establish new Drinking Water Emergency Assistance Fund for the elderly and vulnerable families

Investment

- Accelerate water system improvements outlined in the City of Flint Capital Improvement Plan through Federal and State Investments
 - State approves City of Flint's Distressed Cities Fund applications

- Fédéral and State support for replacement or forgiveness of payment to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund due to Flint's status as a distressed community
- 5 Federal and State grants for infrastructure improvements in alignment with the Flint Master Pian.
- City Water Department implements budgeted FY15 projects including leak detection, valve repairs, new pipes and meter replacements

Education

- Develop a community partnership with universities to provide household and business customers with information on testing and conservation
- Ongoing partnership with Michigan Department of Human Services, United Way, Salvation Army and community organizations to provide information and water assistance with the Keep the Water Flowing Fund and support services
- Expand youth energy initiative to assist households with conservation and efficiency (piloted in summer 2014 with Northwestern High School students, EcoWorks and Consumers Energy)

It is also critical to restore the public confidence in Flint Water. The implementation of this plan must be accompanied by extensive community engagement including local elected officials. My objective is to work with you and your appointed officials, State Senator Ananich, State Representatives Phelps and Neeley, Congressman Kildee, community groups, businesses, churches, foundations, the Flint City Council, and all of the City of Flint and government personnel.

It is imperative that we communicate better and provide residents more information. I understand representatives from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will be joining a public forum this week at City Hall. This engagement going forward is vital so thank you for supporting their efforts. I think this issue of transparency is important for communities all across the State. I recommend a review of the applicable laws and policies and, at a minimum, a new requirement that water testing data be reported publicly no less than quarterly by law in all Michigan communities in Flint's population category.

Thank you for the consideration Governor. There is nothing more important in Flint right now than fixing the water problems. We must work together to identify funds to repair and update the water treatment facilities and city-wide infrastructure and to help those persons without access to clean water so that the entire Flint community has sustainable, safe, secure and affordable water now and into the future. This is an important issue for the state of our State of Michigan and Lurge you to work with us to implement solutions.

Sincerely,

Dayne Walling, Mayor

City of Hint

CC: Flint City Council President Joshua Freeman; Congressman Dan Kildee; State Senator Jim Ananich; State Representative Sheldon Neeley; State Representative Phil Phelps; Flint Emergency Manager Jerry Ambrose

From: Stoken, Laura (GOV)

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 9:08 AM

To: Wisniewski, Wendy (GOV); Adamczyk, Lynne (GOV)

Subject: FW: Teamwork and cooperation

Hey There,

This one came into the Governor's public facing e-mail box- Dennis is already on it and a few others but thought I'd pass it your way anyways.

Thanks,

Laura

From: Rep. Sheldon Neeley (District 34) [mailto:SheldonNeeley@house.mi.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 3:33 PM

To: Snyder, Rick (GOV) <

Cc: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV) <<u>muchmored@michigan.gov</u>>; Lyon, Nick (DHHS) <<u>LyonN2@michigan.gov</u>>; Wells, Eden (DHHS) <<u>WellsE3@michigan.gov</u>>; Hollins, Harvey (GOV) <<u>hollinsh@michigan.gov</u>>; Wyant, Dan (DEQ)

<WyantD@michigan.gov>

Subject: Teamwork and cooperation

Honorable Rick Snyder, Governor State of Michigan

Dear Gov. Snyder,

I'm writing to voice my displeasure with the lack of communication between your office and mine concerning the water crisis in the city of Flint.

Since I have been in a position to represent my community at the Capitol, I have been in constant contact with your office to offer advice, help, partnership and solutions. My community elected me to represent them in Lansing, and I have been striving to do just that. Several letters have reached your office, and I have been highly vocal about the need to come together to fix the water crisis. This has been done with the understanding that we both care about the people of Flint, who I represent in the Legislature, and who you represent as governor of this state.

I have also reached out to Dr. Eden Wells and the Department of Health and Human Services and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to be proactive in addressing the issue of lead-laced water damaging the minds and bodies of Flint's citizens, especially the children. While this crisis could be solved by switching water sources, the problems will remain in the health of our future generation.

I had hoped that this entire problem would have been addressed through partnership, teamwork and cooperation. It is unfortunate that hasn't been the case. It is also unfortunate that common courtesy to my office on being kept up to speed with any operational changes and financial solutions has not been timely communicated.

I will continue to keep the lines of communication open as we address the continued problem of health in Flint, and I hope you will take the opportunity to join me in conversation to find future solutions.

For the Love of the Community,

Sheldon A. Neeley, State Representative 34th District

CC: Dennis Muchmore

Nick Lyons Dan Wyant Dr. Eden Wells Harvey Hollins From: Stoken, Laura (GOV)

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 3:12 PM

To: Holland, Meegan (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV)

Subject: FW: Additional Steps for Flint

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Laura Stoken Manager, Constituent Relations Executive Office of the Governor, Rick Snyder 517.335.7858

From: Rep. Sheldon Neeley (District 34) [mailto:SheldonNeeley@house.mi.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 2:24 PM

To: GovernorsOffice <

Dennis (GOV) < muchmored@michigan.gov>

Subject: Additional Steps for Flint

Governor Snyder,

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Sheldon Neeley State Representative 34th District From: Wyant, Dan (DEQ)

Sent: Monday, December 28, 2015 9:49 AM

To: Snyder, Rick (GOV); Scott, Allison (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Baird, Richard (GOV);

Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Posthumus, Dick (GOV); Murray,

David (GOV); Holland, Meegan (GOV); Lyon, Nick (DHHS)

Cc: Wyant, Dan (DEQ)

Subject: FW: Auditor General Letter – City of Flint Drinking Water **Attachments:** Auditor General Letter - City of Flint Drinking Water.pdf

FYI – Please see the attached letter. The Auditor General findings are consistent with the DEQ's own internal review. The Auditor General delivered the letter to Senator Ananich late Wednesday, December 23, 2015.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Dan Wyant Director

Attachment

From: MI_Office_of_the_Auditor_General [mailto:mi_auditor_general@audgen.mich:gan.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2015 3:18 PM

To: aleavitt@senate.michigan.gov; sstudley@senate.michigan.gov

Cc: Hirst, Laura (OAG); Ringler, Doug (OAG); Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Sygo, Jim (DEQ)

Subject: Auditor General Letter – City of Flint Drinking Water

Please see the attached letter, which addresses your questions about the City of Flint's drinking water.

We stand ready to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you.

Doug A. Ringler, CPA, CIA **Auditor General**

December 23, 2015

The Honorable Jim Ananich Senate Minority Leader State Capitol, Room S-105 Lansing, Michigan

Dear Senator Ananich:

Enclosed are answers to the questions you posed in your October 20, 2015 letter to our office regarding the audit we are conducting of the Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance (ODWMA), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), specific to lead contamination in the City of Flint's drinking water. Also enclosed are additional questions we developed that are relevant to these issues, along with five exhibits:

- A map showing Flint water samples by zip code.
- A map showing lead counts of 5 parts per billion or higher.
- Two charts showing the number of samples by time period and zip code.
- A time line of the Flint water review.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you in answering questions regarding this topic. If you have further questions or a request for other services, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Doua Rinaler Auditor General

Enclosures



Questions and Answers

Q1: How does ODWMA ensure the data it receives is accurate?

- A: With regard to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) monitoring requirements, DEQ relies on the following key controls to ensure the accuracy of test results:
 - State-owned laboratories test water samples.
 - State-owned laboratories send test results directly to DEQ.
 - The City of Flint Water Treatment Plant (Flint WTP) certifies whether sample sites are classified as tier 1*.

The current Flint WTP LCR sampling process includes:

- 1. DEQ informs the Flint WTP of the required water lead and copper sample size.
- 2. The Flint WTP determines the pool of tier 1 sites for sampling.
- 3. The Flint WTP selects the sample.
- 4. The Flint WTP sends out sample kits and instructions to residents for collecting water samples.
- 5. Residents leave samples and signed sampling forms outside their front doors.
- 6. The Flint WTP employee picks up samples and forms from residents.
- 7. The Flint WTP employee reviews sample forms for completeness.
- 8. The Flint WTP employee sends samples to the State-owned laboratories.
- State-owned laboratories test samples and provide results directly to DEΩ.
- 10. DEQ receives water lead and copper sample results, which include the following information: date collected, date received, address where collected, type of residence (e.g., single family or apartment), and sample point (e.g., kitchen sink or bathroom sink).
- 11. DEQ tracks, and follows up if necessary, the number of samples collected by the Flint WTP to help ensure that the required minimum number of samples are collected by the monitoring period deadline.

Single-family or multiple-family residence with lead service line, lead solder copper piping constructed after 1982, or lead plumbing.

- 12. The Flint WTP submits lead and copper report to DEQ that certifies whether sample sites meet tier 1 criteria.
- 13. DEQ prepares the LCR 90th percentile calculation report.

During our review, we noted two potential improvements for the Flint WTP sampling process (see Question 5 of the additional questions answered by the OAG regarding tier 1 sample validity):

- DEQ could verify that the sampling pool was limited to only tier 1 sample sites to ensure that the Flint WTP is in compliance with the LCR (Title 40, Part 141, section 86(a)(3) of the Code of Federal Regulations [CFR]).
- DEQ could independently verify the validity of sample site certifications.

Q2: What accountability measures are in place for ODWMA staff who fail to follow data verification protocols?

A: DEQ does not provide any direct oversight over the Flint WTP and, therefore, does not have any accountability measures over the Flint WTP's LCR data verification protocols. DEQ's data verification protocol for lead and copper water sampling is limited to verification that the WTP certifies samples submitted to the State-owned laboratories for analysis (see steps 7 and 12 in the Flint WTP LCR sampling process noted in Question 1 above). We did not identify any instances in which ODWMA staff failed to verify that submitted samples were certified by the Flint WTP.

Q3: What accountability measures are in place for ODWMA staff who lie or misrepresent information to the EPA?

A: As with all classified employees, ODWMA staff must adhere to the rules and regulations established by the Michigan Civil Service Commission. If any ODWMA staff were determined to misrepresent information to the EPA, they would be subject to Civil Service Rule 2-6, Discipline, which allows an appointing authority to discipline an employee for just cause up to and including dismissal. We are not aware of any DEQ-established measures that are in addition to the Civil Service Rules.

We gained access to the e-mail accounts of key DEQ management (DEQ Director, Deputy Director, ODWMA Chief, and other key ODWMA staff) extending back to January 1, 2013. We did so to identify the key decision points and conversations that occurred leading up to and through the situation in Flint. Our review was also intended to determine whether State, Flint, or other officials attempted to conceal key test results or other information.

We noted one e-mail exchange between DEQ and the EPA that appears to be a significant contributor to the concern that DEQ misrepresented information to the EPA. The EPA requested clarification on February 26, 2015 regarding the type of optimized corrosion control **treatment** the Flint WTP was using. DEQ responded on February 27, 2015 that the city had an optimized corrosion control **program** in place, but DEQ did not provide any program details. DEQ informed us that the Flint WTP corrosion control **program** included performing

lead and copper monitoring for two consecutive six-month periods to determine whether corrosion control **treatment** would be necessary in the future. However, it appears the EPA interpreted corrosion control **program** to mean that corrosion control **treatment** was being performed.

On April 23, 2015, the EPA again inquired as to what the Flint WTP was doing for corrosion control **treatment**. DEQ responded on April 24, 2015 that the Flint WTP was not practicing corrosion control **treatment**.

Based on our review of this and other e-mails, we have no specific reason to believe that DEQ willfully misrepresented the information to the EPA.

Q4: What policies do DEQ and ODWMA have in place to escalate major infractions up the chain of command?

A: We did not note any instances of major infractions (i.e., intentional disregard of policies, laws, regulations or specific directions) committed by DEQ staff during the course of our review. DEQ does not have a formal policy or procedure in place to escalate major infractions performed by ODWMA employees; however, our review of DEQ correspondence confirmed the escalation of key issues up the chain of command related to the Flint situation. DEQ stated that its informal policy is for staff to notify the proper level of management of infractions to determine necessary action.



Additional Questions Answered by the OAG

Application of the LCR

Q1: How did the Flint WTP become the primary water supplier for the City of Flint?

A: Upon notification of the City of Flint's plans to switch to the Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA) in April 2013, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) submitted a letter to the City of Flint stating that it would terminate its agreement to provide water services on April 17, 2014.

According to DEQ management, the Flint WTP attempted to negotiate with the DWSD to maintain it as the City of Flint water supplier; however, after negotiations were unsuccessful, the City of Flint notified DEQ through a permit request of its intent to operate the Flint WTP full time using the Flint River. Although the Flint City Council voted in March 2013 in support of moving to the KWA pipeline, the vote was silent on the use of the Flint River as a temporary drinking water source.

DEQ informed us that in the 1990s, the City of Flint upgraded the Flint WTP to serve as a backup source of water for emergencies. In 2006, the Flint WTP began quarterly testing of the treated Flint River water at the Flint WTP to ensure water quality standards were met; however, the Flint WTP did not test the water's effect on the distribution system at consumer tap locations.

Q2. Did DEQ consult with the EPA prior to determining how to apply the LCR?

A: DEQ did not consult with the EPA on how to apply the LCR prior to implementing two consecutive six-month monitoring periods of the Flint WTP beginning July 1, 2014. Based on past experiences applying the LCR monitoring requirements, DEQ believed that it had appropriately applied the LCR requirements of a large water system.

Q3: When Flint switched to the Flint River water source, should corrosion control treatment have been maintained?

A: We believe that corrosion control treatment should have been maintained.

According to the LCR, a water system can achieve optimized corrosion control if it submits results of tap water monitoring for two consecutive six-month monitoring periods with acceptable lead levels. However, a water system that has optimized corrosion control, and which has treatment in place, should continue to operate and maintain optimal corrosion control treatment.

DEQ staff explained that they did not treat the switch to Flint River water as a new system, but as a new source. DEQ further stated that because the Flint River was a new water source and there was a change in chemicals needed to treat the new source, a corrosion control study was needed to determine the impact on the water distribution system. Therefore, it was DEQ's interpretation that two rounds of six-month monitoring were still needed to evaluate the water quality and determine optimal corrosion control treatment.

The Flint water system had optimal corrosion control treatment when the DWSD WTP was the water supplier. Based on our review of notes from a July 21, 2015 EPA and DEQ conference call on DEQ's implementation of the LCR regarding whether the Flint WTP should have continued to maintain corrosion control treatment, it appeared that the EPA did not agree with DEQ's interpretation of the LCR. Region 5 EPA staff explained that they would talk to the EPA headquarters about the interpretation of regulations and believes that systems that have been deemed optimized need to "maintain" corrosion control. The Region agreed to provide supporting regulatory citations for the language about maintaining corrosion control.

On November 3, 2015, the EPA issued a memorandum stating that the LCR had differing possible interpretations; however, the EPA concluded that it is important for large water systems to take the steps necessary to ensure that appropriate corrosion control treatment is maintained at all times, thus ensuring that public health is protected. Based on this clarification, it appears that corrosion control treatment should have been maintained.

- Q4: Should DEQ have required the Flint WTP to start pursuing optimized corrosion control treatment after the first round of six-month sampling results were above the lead action level of 5 parts per billion (ppb)?
 - A: Yes. According to DEQ's application of the LCR, within six months after the end of the monitoring period in which the water sample results exceeded the acceptable lead level, DEQ should have required the Flint WTP to start pursuing optimized corrosion control treatment.

The LCR states that the lead action level is exceeded if the lead level, as determined by the 90th percentile calculation, is greater than 15 ppb. If the lead action level is exceeded, water systems are required to take additional actions including educating the public about lead in drinking water as well as commencing lead service line replacement if the water system has already installed corrosion control and/or source water treatment. However, for water systems that have not yet implemented corrosion control treatment, they can be deemed to have optimized corrosion control without installing treatment if they can demonstrate lead levels below 5 ppb for two consecutive six-month periods.

The first round of six-month sampling results was received in late March 2015. Because the results were 1 ppb over the lead action level of 5 ppb, DEQ would not be able to achieve two consecutive six-month periods below 5 ppb. Therefore, DEQ should have notified the Flint WTP to start pursuing optimized corrosion control treatment. However, DEQ waited until the second round of sampling was completed (June 30, 2015) to assess whether water sample results improved.

Water Samples

- Q5: Did DEQ verify that only tier 1 sample sites were selected by the Flint WTP in the two rounds of six-month samples?
 - A: DEQ did not verify that only tier 1 sample sites were selected. DEQ relies on the Flint WTP's certification of sample sites and does not perform any independent verification of those certifications.

In a November 19, 2015 *Flint Journal* article, the Flint WTP indicated that it did not have the ability to ensure that all sites were tier 1. In fact, water samples came from the random distribution of 175 testing bottles without regard for whether the homes were at risk for high lead levels. DEQ issued a formal memorandum on November 9, 2015 requesting that the Flint WTP verify the classification of all prior sample items. The results are due back from the Flint WTP on December 30, 2015.

Q6: DEQ dropped two water sampling sites from its second six-month sample (January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015). Was this appropriate?

A: Yes, it was appropriate for DEQ to drop these two water sampling sites. Federal regulation 40 *CFR* 141.86(a) states:

"... each water system shall complete a materials evaluation of its distribution system in order to identify a pool of targeted sampling sites that meets the requirements of this section ... All sites from which first draw samples are collected shall be selected from this pool ... Sampling sites may not include faucets that have point-of-use or point-of-entry treatment devices designed to remove inorganic contaminants."

This regulation also requires that a water system's targeted sampling pool consist of only tier 1 sampling sites if an adequate number is available to meet monitoring requirements.

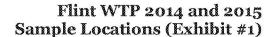
According to federal regulation 40 *CFR* 141.86(f), the State may invalidate a water sample if it determines that the sample was taken from a site that did not meet the site selection criteria. A sample invalidated per this regulation does not count toward determining lead or copper 90th percentile levels or toward meeting the minimum monitoring requirements.

DEQ dropped one water sample site from its 90th percentile calculations because the site was from a business that does not meet the tier 1 requirements of being a single-family or multiple-family residence. The second sample site was dropped because the home had a point-of-entry treatment device to filter contaminants. Based on the criteria specified above, it appears that DEQ's rationale for dropping the samples from these two sites appropriately met the requirements for invalidating samples per federal regulation 40 *CFR* 141.86.

Q7: Was flushing of the taps the night before drawing a sample an appropriate sample methodology?

A: Yes. The LCR requires that samples be a first draw of water after six hours of stagnation. The LCR does not indicate whether or not the water line should be flushed prior to collecting the sample. In the sample instructions, DEQ required preflushing to ensure that sampled faucets were not stagnant for an excessive period of time beyond the targeted six hours (e.g., rarely used faucets or when a homeowner has been gone for an extended period of time.)

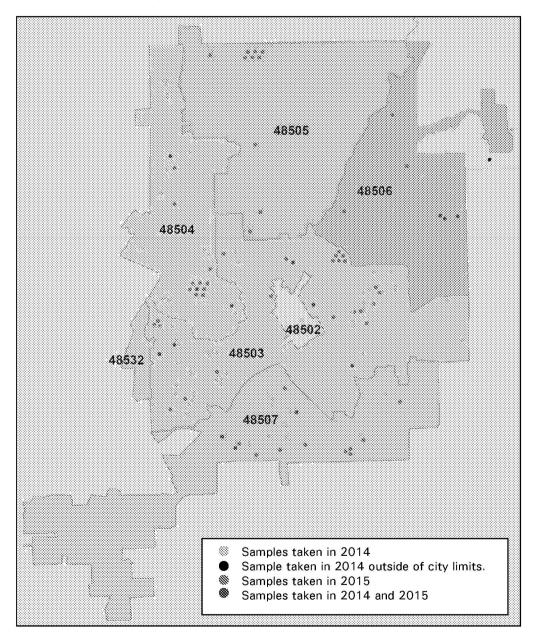
The LCR requires six hours of stagnation; however, it does not preclude DEQ from instructing residents to flush prior to stagnation.





In calendar year 1992, the Flint WTP established a tier 1 sample site pool for LCR monitoring. With the change to the Flint River water, the Flint WTP needed to increase the pool of sample locations because of additional sampling requirements. The following exhibit documents the 2014 and 2015 sample locations for LCR monitoring. Based on the data obtained during our review, we could not determine how the locations were selected or whether they were properly classified as tier 1 sample sites.

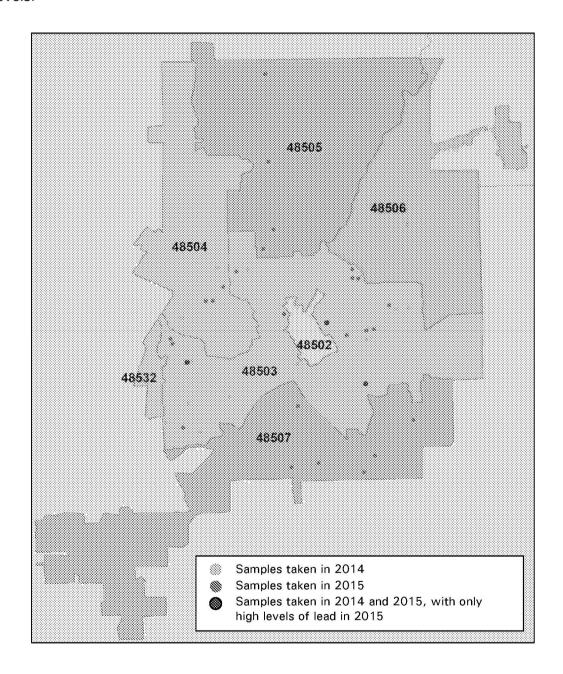
As noted in Question 5 of the additional questions answered by the OAG, DEQ has requested the Flint WTP to verify the tier 1 classification of all prior sample items.



Source: The OAG prepared this map using data obtained from DEQ and ©OpenStreetMap contributors (opendatacommons.org). The sample locations are approximate.



This exhibit documents the 2014 and 2015 sample locations with lead counts of 5 ppb or higher. This information is used in aggregate by DEQ to determine if the city has optimized lead levels.

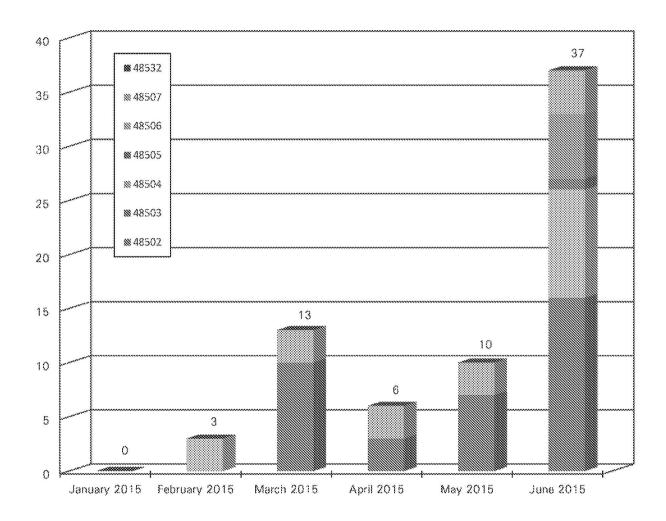


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Flint WTP 2015 Number of Samples by Time Period and Zip Code (Exhibit #3)

This chart expands on Exhibit #1 to show a summary by zip code and time of selection within the sampling period. Based on the data obtained during our review, we could not determine if the lateness of selection within the monitoring period affected the appropriateness of the sample items.

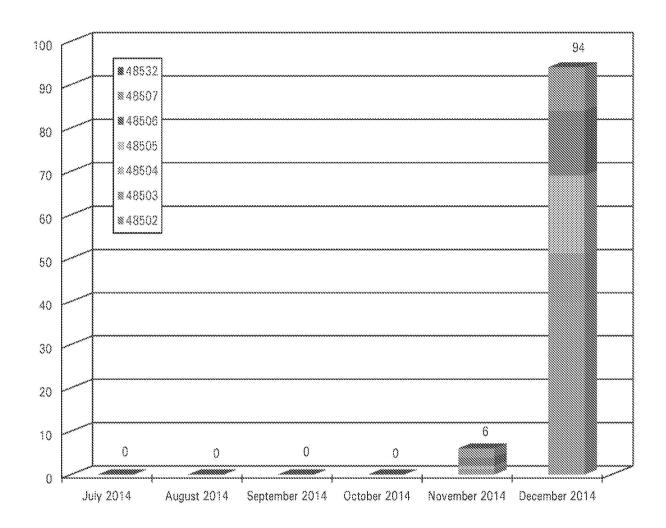


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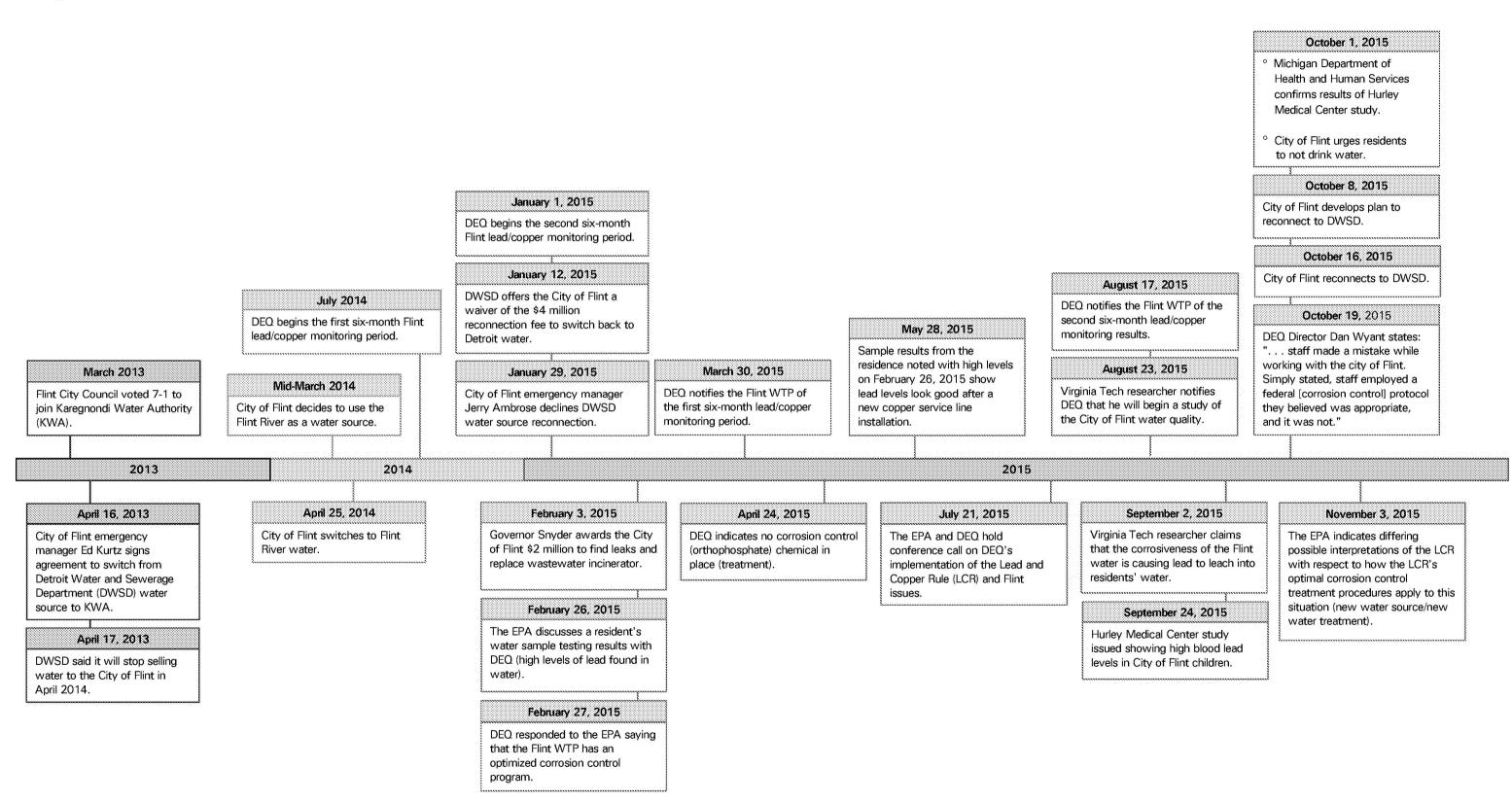
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From: Brock Swartzle <BSwartzle@house.mi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 3:00 PM

To: Posthumus, Dick (GOV)

Cc: senameekhof@senate.michigan.gov;

rdevries@senate.michigan.gov

Subject: Re: Flint water statement

Thanks Dick. Wyant's leaving is certainly a big loss...he did a lot of great things with DEQ.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 29, 2015, at 2:38 PM, Posthumus, Dick (GOV) < Posthumusd@michigan.gov> wrote:

Senate Majority Leader and Mr. Speaker;

Below is a statement being released today relative to the Flint water. Please take note that the Governor reluctantly accepted Dan Wyant's resignation as the Director of DEQ. He is a great public servant who totally turned the culture of the DEQ around during his tenure. He will be missed. Dick

From: Holland, Meegan (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 1:21 PM

To: Posthumus, Dick (GOV) < Posthumusd@michigan.gov>; Walsh, John (GOV) < Walshj@michigan.gov>; Baird, Richard (GOV) < bairdr@michigan.gov>; Agen, Jarrod (GOV) < Agenj@michigan.gov>; Clement, Elizabeth (GOV) < ciemente@michigan.gov>; Scott, Allison (GOV) < scotta12@michigan.gov>; Hollins, Harvey (GOV) < bollinsh@michigan.gov>; Calley, Brian (GOV) < ciemente@michigan.gov>; Redford, James

(GOV) <<u>Redford</u>:@michigan.gov> **Subject:** Flint water statement

Here is a statement from the Governor that will go out around 2-2:30 p.m. to the media. We'll also give a heads up to executive staffers and some others. - Meegan

When I became aware that the city of Flint's water showed elevated lead levels and that the state's handling of the situation was being questioned, I requested funding to switch the source back to the Great Lakes Water Authority and appointed an independent task force to identify possible missteps and areas for improvement.

The task force has done an exceptional job, reviewing stacks of documents and interviewing scores of Flint, Genesee County, state and federal officials.

Although the task force's final report is not yet completed, it has made me aware of some interim findings and corrective steps that I have decided to take immediately in order to restore trust in how the state keeps its citizens safe and informed.

We'll continue to work with the community members to make sure we hear and respond to their concerns.

In addition, MDEQ Director Dan Wyant has offered his resignation, and I've determined that it's appropriate to accept it. I'm also making other personnel changes at MDEQ to address problems cited by the task force.

But changes in leadership and staff are not enough. I understand there can be disagreements within the scientific community. That is why I have directed both the departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services to invite every external scientist who has worked on this issue to be our partners in helping us improve Flint water. Let's share research on water and blood lead level testing so we can arrive at accurate and mutually supported conclusions. Together, we should work to affirm that we're using the very best testing protocols to ensure Flint residents have safe drinking water and that we're taking steps to protect their health over the short and long term.

I want the Flint community to know how very sorry I am that this has happened. And I want all Michigan citizens to know that we will learn from this experience, because Flint is not the only city that has an aging infrastructure.

I know many Flint citizens are angry and want more than an apology. That's why I'm taking the actions today to ensure a culture of openness and trust. We've already allocated \$10 million to test the water, distribute water filters, and help in other ways. Last week, I called Flint Mayor Karen Weaver, and we're going to meet soon to discuss other ways the state can offer assistance.

These are only initial steps - we fully expect to take more actions following the recommendations of our task force. When it comes to matters of health and quality of life, we're committed to doing everything we can to protect the well-being of our citizens.

Meegan Holland Director of Communications for Gov. Rick Snyder Office: 517-335-6397

Twitter: @meholland

From: Posthumus, Dick (GOV)

Sent: Friday, April 19, 2013 4:01 PM

To: Durfee, Sally (GOV)

Cc: Roberts, John (GOV); Tedder, Greg (GOV)

Subject: Re: KWA

I don't know what our intentions are. We may want to have Greg call him if he has been given some direction. Dick

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 19, 2013, at 3:38 PM, "Durfee, Sally (GOV)" < durfees@michigan.gov > wrote:

Any idea of what you would like me to do?

From: Joseph Graves [mailto:Jgraves@house.mi.gov]

Sent: Friday, April 19, 2013 3:36 PM

To: Durfee, Sally (GOV)

Subject: KWA

As you might guess, my phone and email is blowing up on the rumor/story the governor will intervene and stop Flint from joining the KWA and "force" them to stay with the Detroit system.

I can only hope this is not true. Democrats and republicans alike in this area FULLY support the decision to go with the KWA in lieu of Flint. I strongly urge the Governor to allow the decision to join the KWA to stand!

Thanks Joe Graves

From: Posthumus, Dick (GOV)

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 12:58 PM

To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Cc: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Clement, Elizabeth (GOV); Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Durfee,

Sally (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Re: Rep Neeley's Release

I am meeting with him on Monday Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 30, 2015, at 11:56 AM, "Wurfel, Sara (GOV)" < Wurfels@michigan.gov> wrote:

Please see below.

Dave will bring this up during the 1:30 pm call on this issue today.

Sara Wurfel

Press Secretary | Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder

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From: Katie Carey < kcarey@house.mi.gov> Date: January 30, 2015 at 11:46:03 AM EST

To: "Wurfel, Sara (GOV)" < Wurfels@michigan.gov>

Subject: Rep Neeley's Release

Sara -

Just wanted to give you a heads up that Rep Neeley sent a letter to the Gov and asked that I send out the following press release re the water situation in Flint.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Friday, Jan. 30, 2015

Neeley Sends Letter to Governor Concerning Flint Water Crisis

Legislator asks Gov. Snyder to consider plans to fix water system

LANSING – State Representative **Sheldon Neeley** (D-Flint) has sent a letter to Gov. Rick Snyder, as well as his chief of staff, Dennis Muchmore, and his senior advisor, Dick Posthumus, to inform them of the current crisis affecting the city of Flint's water supply. Residents have spoken out about the quality of the water, calling it unsafe to drink. Photos taken by residents and Flint media have shown the water to be brownish in color, with sediment and other foreign bodies floating in it.

"In light of the rising and continuous concerns in the Flint community, it is imperative that the governor explores all options in his power to come to the aid of the community," Neeley said.

In the letter, Rep. Neeley asks for an executive decision by the governor to forgive Flint's water fund loan balance of nearly \$20.8 million so that those funds may be used to help the city rebuild the infrastructure as well as provide a cost-effective water delivery system.

With this loan forgiveness, Rep. Neeley explains the city will be able to upgrade wastewater treatment processes, improve safe drinking water upgrades and maintain a water system that provides better water to the citizens of Flint.

"The people of Flint elected me to serve them first, and when I see my constituents on the verge of civil unrest, I must act swiftly and with passion," Neeley said. "I am hopeful this letter will bring the concerns of Flint to Gov. Snyder, and that will in turn open a dialogue about what can be done to help the community I love so much."

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Subject: FW: Flint water statement

Senate Majority Leader and Mr. Speaker;

Below is a statement being released today relative to the Flint water. Please take note that the Governor reluctantly accepted Dan Wyant's resignation as the Director of DEQ. He is a great public servant who totally turned the culture of the DEQ around during his tenure. He will be missed.

Dick

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Here is a statement from the Governor that will go out around 2-2:30 p.m. to the media. We'll also give a heads up to executive staffers and some others. - Meegan

When I became aware that the city of Flint's water showed elevated lead levels and that the state's handling of the situation was being questioned, I requested funding to switch the source back to the Great Lakes Water Authority and appointed an independent task force to identify possible missteps and areas for improvement.

The task force has done an exceptional job, reviewing stacks of documents and interviewing scores of Flint, Genesee County, state and federal officials.

Although the task force's final report is not yet completed, it has made me aware of some interim findings and corrective steps that I have decided to take immediately in order to restore trust in how the state keeps its citizens safe and informed.

We'll continue to work with the community members to make sure we hear and respond to their concerns.

In addition, MDEQ Director Dan Wyant has offered his resignation, and I've determined that it's appropriate to accept it. I'm also making other personnel changes at MDEQ to address problems cited by the task force.

But changes in leadership and staff are not enough. I understand there can be disagreements within the scientific community. That is why I have directed both the departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services to invite every external scientist who has worked on this issue to be our partners in helping us improve Flint water. Let's share research on water and blood lead level testing so we can arrive at accurate and mutually supported conclusions. Together, we should work to affirm that we're using the very best testing protocols to ensure Flint residents have safe drinking water and that we're taking steps to protect their health over the short and long term.

I want the Flint community to know how very sorry I am that this has happened. And I want all Michigan citizens to know that we will learn from this experience, because Flint is not the only city that has an aging infrastructure.

I know many Flint citizens are angry and want more than an apology. That's why I'm taking the actions today to ensure a culture of openness and trust. We've already allocated \$10 million to test the water, distribute water filters, and help in other ways. Last week, I called Flint Mayor Karen Weaver, and we're going to meet soon to discuss other ways the state can offer assistance.

These are only initial steps - we fully expect to take more actions following the recommendations of our task force. When it comes to matters of health and quality of life, we're committed to doing everything we can to protect the well-being of our citizens.

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Subject: RE: Trauma and Toxic Stress Website

Thanks Alisha.

This is good timing and could be a great resource to the City of Flint as a tool to handle impact of lead poisoning in children. I'll be sure to promote.

Best,

Bryanna

Bryanna R. McGarry

Policy Analyst

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Subject: Trauma and Toxic Stress Website

Good Afternoon Defending Childhood Team: Attached is an article regarding the Trauma and Toxic Stress website developed through the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems grant. The article provides a brief overview of the website and its content. Please feel free to share with those who may be interested. Thank you.

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Alicia Cosgrove

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From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

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(Treasury); Feuerstein, Heather (DEQ)

Subject: FW: Statement from Rep. Phelps on his denied FOIA requests pertaining to the City of

Flint water crisis

Attachments: phelpsdnl092915.pdf; phelpsext091515.pdf

Importance: High

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Just received this from Dave Eggert...

I am going to tell David that **Treasury did send a timely response to the Representative**. It was due (following a statutory extension) on Tuesday, September 29, 2015. Our response (attachment 1) went in the mail on Tuesday. As you will see, it was a "denial," as Treasury does not have any records regarding "waivers, permits or applications to use the Flint River..."

Apparently, the response has not arrived in his (Flushing, MI) mailbox...or is arriving today.

I have also attached the extension letter (attachment 2), which was timely-mailed as well.

Let me know if you have any questions...

From: Eggert, David [mailto:DEggert@ap.org] Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 2:47 PM

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Contact: Rep. Phil Phelps

Phone: (517) 373-7515

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015

Statement from state Rep. Phil Phelps (D-Flushing) on his FOIA requests pertaining to the City of Flint water crisis being denied:

"Residents of the City of Flint face a substantial health risk due to contaminants found in their drinking water. In an effort to not politicize this situation, I have been working directly with state and local officials in seeking important information and attempting to correct the City's water crisis. Unfortunately, I have been faced with continual road blocks in my requests for information. It has been nearly a month since I submitted Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to the State and the City of Flint requesting to see documents related to the City's switch to using water from the Flint River. I requested the applications and permits required by law to change a city's source of water. So far, the State Treasury has violated FOIA by not providing any information or even a denial. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and City of Flint have denied my request saying that the documents I requested do not exist. However, state law requires Michigan cities to apply for a permit from the DEQ to switch their source of water. Violation of this law is punishable by a fine of \$5,000 per day and possible incarceration. I find it hard to believe that the DEQ and the City of Flint ignored such a critical step, not to mention one that the cost in fines alone would already be roughly \$2.5 million and cause those responsible to be subject to criminal prosecution.

"My request for these documents was meant to be a fact-finding mission to ascertain the degree to which the State knew about or took any action to determine the potential hazards of making this switch prior to being officially ordered by the State-appointed Emergency Manager. Since the State has decided not to disclose this information to me, it is unclear the extent to which the State is culpable. I believe the bottom line here is that the decision to switch the source of Flint's water to the Flint River was made by the Emergency Manager appointed by Governor Snyder and the burden is on his shoulders to make this right.

"The use of the river water has caused a great amount of destruction to the City's water infrastructure, and it has put the residents who use the water in harm's way. To help continue this fight for information, I have retained attorney Keith D. Flynn of the law firm Miller Cohen P.L.C. to further evaluate my legal options. My position and recommendation to the Governor on this issue is that the State should immediately switch Flint's water source back to the Detroit Water System at no additional cost to Flint residents and supply water filters to every household in Flint.

"Furthermore, the State should begin to estimate costs for the total damage done to the City's public works infrastructure and for the treatment of potential adverse health outcomes we could see in Flint residents in the future and allocate expenditures to correct this problem."

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STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY LANSING

NICK A. KHOURI STATE TREASURER

September 29, 2015

Mr. Phil Phelps 819 Main Street Unit A Flushing, MI 48433

Dear Mr. Phelps:

This notice is issued in response to your request dated September 4, 2015, which you submitted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 et seq. Your request was received in the Department of Treasury (Department) by electronic mail on September 8, 2015. As set forth in the Department's September 15, 2015 notice, a statutory extension of time to respond was taken through September 29, 2015.

You have requested records which you describe as: 1) All documents the Michigan Department of Treasury, or its agents, has in its possession, including correspondence, related to any waivers, permits or applications to use the Flint River as a source for water and/or drinking water for the City of Flint or any other municipality or municipal entity; 2) All documents the Michigan Department of Treasury, or its agents, has in its possession, including correspondence, related to any communications between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, or its agents, and the Michigan Department of Treasury, or its agents, regarding any waivers, permits or applications to use the Flint River as a source for water and/or drinking water for the City of Flint or any other municipality or municipal entity; 3) All documents the Michigan Department of Treasury has in its possession, including correspondence, related to any communications between the Michigan Department of Treasury, or its agents, and the Office of the Governor of the State of Michigan, or its agents, regarding any waivers, permits or applications to use the Flint River as a source for water and/or drinking water for the City of Flint or any other municipality or municipal entity.

To the extent we understand your description, your request is denied. After a thorough search of Department records, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information and belief, no such records as you describe, or by any other name reasonably known to the Department, regarding any "waivers, permits or applications to use the Flint River as a source for water and/or drinking water for the City of Flint or any other municipality or municipal entity," exist in the Department of Treasury.

Mr. Phil Phelps Page 2 September 29, 2015

In an effort to be cooperative, you may wish to contact the Department of Environmental Quality as they may have records responsive to your request.

As to the denial of your FOIA request, the Department is obligated to inform you that under section 10 of the FOIA, MCL 15.240 you may do the following:

- 1. Appeal this decision in writing to the State Treasurer, Michigan Department of Treasury, P.O. Box 30716, Lansing, MI 48909. The writing must specifically state the word "appeal" and must identify the reason or reasons you believe the denial should be reversed. The Department must respond to your appeal within 10 days of its receipt. Under unusual circumstances, the time for response to an appeal may be extended by 10 business days.
- File an action in the appropriate court within 180 days after the date of the final determination to deny the request. If you prevail in such an action, the court is to award reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements, and possible damages.

Pursuant to section 4 of the FOIA, MCL 15.234, the Department's FOIA procedures, guidelines and written summary can be found on the Department's website at the following link: http://michigan.gov/treasury/0.4679.7-121-72699-357926---,00.html.

Sincerely.

Carla M. Robert FOIA Coordinator

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STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY LANSING

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In order to search for records in the possession of the Department that may fall within the scope of your request, under section 5(2)(d) of the FOIA, MCL 15.235(2)(d), the Department is extending by ten business days the period to respond. We will issue a written notice no later than September 29, 2015.

Sincerely,

Carla M. Robert FOIA Coordinator

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From: Emmitt, Beth (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 5:44 PM

To: Dickinson, Sarah (GOV)

Subject: Fwd: Cong. Kildee Response to Gov. Snyder Letter

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Sorry. I have one more piece too

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Subject: Cong. Kildee Response to Gov. Snyder Letter

Hi Everyone,

Please see the attached letter to Governor Snyder. Can you make sure he sees it? Congressman Kildee is looking forward to the call with Governor Snyder tomorrow to hear updates on the Flint water emergency.

Thank you,

Jordan Dickinson

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October 7, 2015

Governor Rick Snyder Executive Office of the Governor P.O. Box 30013 Lansing, Michigan 48909

Governor Snyder,

Thank you for your letter on October 2, 2015, regarding the state of Michigan's plans to respond to the crisis regarding the drinking water in Flint, Mich. I encourage you to immediately implement the action plan outlined so that Flint residents can have safe drinking water.

Moreover, you asked for my assistance in working with federal agencies to address this issue. Due to the urgent nature of this issue, I want to update you that my staff and I are working closely with Senators Stabenow and Peters and have been in communication with the appropriate agencies. I will continue to do everything I can to help address this issue at the federal level.

On September 22, 2015, I previously wrote letters to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Federal Emergency Management Agency requesting immediate assistance to provide safe drinking water to Flint.

In addition, on March 26, 2015, I sent a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency asking them to clarify if there is any statutory limitation on states to forgive the principal on loans made through the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Again, thank you for beginning to utilize your office's resources to help address the water quality in Flint. I look forward to working with you on the shared goal of helping the residents of Flint have safe drinking water.

Sincerely,

Dan Kildee

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September 22, 2015

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Secretary Burwell, Administrator McCarthy, Administrator Fugate and Director Frieden:

Recent developments regarding the level of lead in the water in one of the communities I represent, Flint, Mich., have raised significant concerns about the safety of its drinking water. For this reason, I am requesting immediate resources to provide safe drinking water to the residents of Flint until additional testing can be completed that confirms the water is safe, particularly for young children.

Although the city of Flint and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality have conducted tests and taken the position that the lead level in the water is safe and below the action level, there are significant questions about the efficacy of their testing. In fact, Dr. Marc Edwards of Virginia Tech University, an established drinking water expert, conducted his own tests as part of a study that determined the water in Flint was above the lead action level.

Additionally, yesterday the Greater Flint Health Coalition, a group of health professionals in the community, released a report showing elevated blood lead levels in residents in Flint, particularly in young children. In response, the Coalition has requested that the Genesee County Health Department release a health advisory indicating that the water in Flint is unsafe to drink.

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Thus, I am requesting resources from your agency to provide clean drinking water to the residents of Flint until additional testing can determine when the water will be safe to drink and a long-term solution can be implemented.

This is a serious health issue, particularly for young children, and until the water is demonstrated to be safe, immediate action must be taken to ensure Flint's residents have potable drinking water.

I look forward to working with you and thank you for your immediate attention.

Sincerely,

Dan Kildee

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

March 26, 2015

Ms. Gina McCarthy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency 1101 A 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

My office has reached out to both the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Congressional Research Service (CRS) to determine if there are any statutory limitations on states to forgive the principal on loans made through the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF) program. After talking to both of these offices, there seems to be a difference in legal opinion between the two interpretations as to whether forgiveness of principal is statutorily allowed, and I am requesting further clarification.

The City of Flint, Mich., located in my district, continues to endure prolonged and severe financial stress due to the loss of thousands of manufacturing jobs, resulting in population loss and an erosion of its tax base. In an effort to improve the city's financial stability, Flint decided to end its 50-plus-year affiliation with the City of Detroit Water and Sewage Department in April of 2013. Instead, Flint would become a partner in the Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA) to bring raw water from Lake Huron to the city.

The water contract between the City of Detroit Water and Sewage Department and Flint was terminated in May of 2014. The KWA, however, will not be able to provide water to the city until its pipeline from Flint to Lake Huron is completed at the end of 2016. To fill the gap in service until the KWA is completed, Flint has turned to the Flint River as its current source for raw water. The Flint River has proven to have an inconsistent quality because of high levels of organic matter. Flint water officials have used high levels of trihalomethanes to treat the occasional elevated levels of organic matter in the water. On December 16, 2014, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality cited the city for being in violation of water standards determined by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) due to high levels of trihalomethanes. In accordance with the SDWA, a cautionary notice about the citation was subsequently sent to residents.

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801 South Saunaw Street Plaza Level Funt, MI 48502 (810) 238-8627 (810) 238-8658 (Fax) Since its citation, Flint has engaged local and state leaders to find a solution for the poor quality of the water. On February 3, 2015, the state gave the city close to \$2 million to hire consultants to assess the condition and find leaks in the water infrastructure system. While this funding is a step in the right direction, it is not nearly enough to significantly improve the water quality.

This background on Flint's water situation is to point out that the SDWA is intended to improve drinking water in America's cities, such as Flint, by creating water quality standards and funding the SDWSRF to invest in water infrastructure. In addition to the high levels of trihalomethanes, the poor condition of water infrastructure in Flint, regardless of the water's source, contributes to discolored and poor tasting water. Furthermore, Flint currently suffers an over 35 percent loss ratio of water between the treatment plant and the end user. In the past, Flint has benefitted from the SDWSRF and currently has close to \$22 million in outstanding loans from it that the city has used to repair the water system. The financial stress of making payments on these loans, however, has prevented the city from making the necessary ongoing investments to its water infrastructure.

To decrease the burden of these loans, on January 18, 2015, Flint requested that the state of Michigan, as the responsible party in appropriating funds from the SDWSRF to local governments, forgive part of the principal. The state responded that forgiving the principal is not an option as the state does not have the authority to do so.

In response to the state's reply, on February 10, 2015, my staff reached out to the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at the EPA to ask if they were aware of any statutory language that prevents principal forgiveness of loans made under the SDWSRF. On February 25, 2015, the EPA responded that they "could find ... no provision that would allow a state to [forgive an existing loan made from a Safe Drinking Water Act state revolving fund]."

On February 23, 2015, my staff also reached out to the CRS for their legal opinion on this matter. Although they could not find any precedent for doing so, the CRS did find two instances in statute that, in their opinion, allows states to forgive the principal on loans made through the SDWSRF.

First, SDWA sec. 1452(d)(1), 42 USC 300j-12(d)(1), states — "Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, in any case in which the State makes a loan pursuant to subsection (a)(2) of this section to a disadvantaged community , the State may provide additional subsidization (including forgiveness of principal)."

Second, the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Pub. Law 113-235, states on page 296—"Provided further, [t]hat not less than 20 percent but not more than 30 percent of the funds made available under this title to each State for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund capitalization grants shall be used by the State to provide additional subsidy to eligible recipients in the form of forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans, or grants (or any combination of these), and shall be so used by the State only where such funds are provided as initial financing for an eligible recipient or to buy, refinance, or restructure the debt obligations of eligible recipients only where such debt was incurred on or after the date of enactment of this Act;"

The difference in opinion between EPA and CRS has created ambiguity for the affected parties. The ability of states to forgive portions of the principal on loans made through the SDWSRF could have a significant impact on the financial state of Flint and many other distressed municipalities across the county. I would appreciate clarification from you on what, according to EPA's interpretation of the law, statutorily prevents states from forgiving the principal on loans made under the SDWSRF.

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Sincerely,

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Dan Kildee

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CC:

Cathy Davis, EPA Eileen Deamer, EPA Robert Meltz, CRS From: Emmitt, Beth (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 5:45 PM

To: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Mcbride, Bill (GOV); Lyon, Nick (DHHS); Wyant, Dan (DEQ);

Agen, Jarrod (GOV)

Subject: Fwd: Cong. Kildee Response to Gov. Snyder Letter

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Date: October 7, 2015 at 5:37:49 PM EDT

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Subject: Cong. Kildee Response to Gov. Snyder Letter

Hi Everyone,

Please see the attached letter to Governor Snyder. Can you make sure he sees it? Congressman Kildee is looking forward to the call with Governor Snyder tomorrow to hear updates on the Flint water emergency.

Thank you,

Jordan Dickinson

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October 7, 2015

Governor Rick Snyder Executive Office of the Governor P.O. Box 30013 Lansing, Michigan 48909

Governor Snyder,

Thank you for your letter on October 2, 2015, regarding the state of Michigan's plans to respond to the crisis regarding the drinking water in Flint, Mich. I encourage you to immediately implement the action plan outlined so that Flint residents can have safe drinking water.

Moreover, you asked for my assistance in working with federal agencies to address this issue. Due to the urgent nature of this issue, I want to update you that my staff and I are working closely with Senators Stabenow and Peters and have been in communication with the appropriate agencies. I will continue to do everything I can to help address this issue at the federal level.

On September 22, 2015, I previously wrote letters to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Federal Emergency Management Agency requesting immediate assistance to provide safe drinking water to Flint.

In addition, on March 26, 2015, I sent a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency asking them to clarify if there is any statutory limitation on states to forgive the principal on loans made through the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Again, thank you for beginning to utilize your office's resources to help address the water quality in Flint. I look forward to working with you on the shared goal of helping the residents of Flint have safe drinking water.

Sincerely,

Dan Kildee

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September 22, 2015

Secretary Sylvia Matthews Burwell
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Secretary Burwell, Administrator McCarthy, Administrator Fugate and Director Frieden:

Recent developments regarding the level of lead in the water in one of the communities I represent, Flint, Mich., have raised significant concerns about the safety of its drinking water. For this reason, I am requesting immediate resources to provide safe drinking water to the residents of Flint until additional testing can be completed that confirms the water is safe, particularly for young children.

Although the city of Flint and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality have conducted tests and taken the position that the lead level in the water is safe and below the action level, there are significant questions about the efficacy of their testing. In fact, Dr. Marc Edwards of Virginia Tech University, an established drinking water expert, conducted his own tests as part of a study that determined the water in Flint was above the lead action level.

Additionally, yesterday the Greater Flint Health Coalition, a group of health professionals in the community, released a report showing elevated blood lead levels in residents in Flint, particularly in young children. In response, the Coalition has requested that the Genesee County Health Department release a health advisory indicating that the water in Flint is unsafe to drink.

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Thus, I am requesting resources from your agency to provide clean drinking water to the residents of Flint until additional testing can determine when the water will be safe to drink and a long-term solution can be implemented.

This is a serious health issue, particularly for young children, and until the water is demonstrated to be safe, immediate action must be taken to ensure Flint's residents have potable drinking water.

I look forward to working with you and thank you for your immediate attention.

Sincerely,

Dan Kildee

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March 26, 2015

Ms. Gina McCarthy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency 1101 A 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

My office has reached out to both the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Congressional Research Service (CRS) to determine if there are any statutory limitations on states to forgive the principal on loans made through the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF) program. After talking to both of these offices, there seems to be a difference in legal opinion between the two interpretations as to whether forgiveness of principal is statutorily allowed, and I am requesting further clarification.

The City of Flint, Mich., located in my district, continues to endure prolonged and severe financial stress due to the loss of thousands of manufacturing jobs, resulting in population loss and an erosion of its tax base. In an effort to improve the city's financial stability, Flint decided to end its 50-plus-year affiliation with the City of Detroit Water and Sewage Department in April of 2013. Instead, Flint would become a partner in the Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA) to bring raw water from Lake Huron to the city.

The water contract between the City of Detroit Water and Sewage Department and Flint was terminated in May of 2014. The KWA, however, will not be able to provide water to the city until its pipeline from Flint to Lake Huron is completed at the end of 2016. To fill the gap in service until the KWA is completed, Flint has turned to the Flint River as its current source for raw water. The Flint River has proven to have an inconsistent quality because of high levels of organic matter. Flint water officials have used high levels of trihalomethanes to treat the occasional elevated levels of organic matter in the water. On December 16, 2014, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality cited the city for being in violation of water standards determined by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) due to high levels of trihalomethanes. In accordance with the SDWA, a cautionary notice about the citation was subsequently sent to residents.

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801 South Saunaw Street Plaza Level Funt, MI 48502 (810) 238-8627 (810) 238-8658 (Fax) Since its citation, Flint has engaged local and state leaders to find a solution for the poor quality of the water. On February 3, 2015, the state gave the city close to \$2 million to hire consultants to assess the condition and find leaks in the water infrastructure system. While this funding is a step in the right direction, it is not nearly enough to significantly improve the water quality.

This background on Flint's water situation is to point out that the SDWA is intended to improve drinking water in America's cities, such as Flint, by creating water quality standards and funding the SDWSRF to invest in water infrastructure. In addition to the high levels of trihalomethanes, the poor condition of water infrastructure in Flint, regardless of the water's source, contributes to discolored and poor tasting water. Furthermore, Flint currently suffers an over 35 percent loss ratio of water between the treatment plant and the end user. In the past, Flint has benefitted from the SDWSRF and currently has close to \$22 million in outstanding loans from it that the city has used to repair the water system. The financial stress of making payments on these loans, however, has prevented the city from making the necessary ongoing investments to its water infrastructure.

To decrease the burden of these loans, on January 18, 2015, Flint requested that the state of Michigan, as the responsible party in appropriating funds from the SDWSRF to local governments, forgive part of the principal. The state responded that forgiving the principal is not an option as the state does not have the authority to do so.

In response to the state's reply, on February 10, 2015, my staff reached out to the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at the EPA to ask if they were aware of any statutory language that prevents principal forgiveness of loans made under the SDWSRF. On February 25, 2015, the EPA responded that they "could find ... no provision that would allow a state to [forgive an existing loan made from a Safe Drinking Water Act state revolving fund]."

On February 23, 2015, my staff also reached out to the CRS for their legal opinion on this matter. Although they could not find any precedent for doing so, the CRS did find two instances in statute that, in their opinion, allows states to forgive the principal on loans made through the SDWSRF.

First, SDWA sec. 1452(d)(1), 42 USC 300j-12(d)(1), states — "Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, in any case in which the State makes a loan pursuant to subsection (a)(2) of this section to a disadvantaged community ..., the State may provide additional subsidization (including forgiveness of principal)."

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CC:

Cathy Davis, EPA Eileen Deamer, EPA Robert Meltz, CRS From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 2:27 PM

To: Hollins, Harvey (GOV)

Cc: Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Clayton, Stacie (GOV)

Subject: Flint water issue

Hi there Harvey -

Just following up on this per brief conversation/mention at yesterday's senior staff meeting and Dave's voice mail to you as well.

I believe you had indicated you had a meeting on this tomorrow, yes?

We need to touch base and get all facts on this situation ASAP. Turning into unfortunate and unnecessary PR issue that we're trying to work with Treasury and DEQ to be on top of, stem, find resolution, etc.

Please call our office today to connect with Dave (as our lead on this) or myself or Jarrod if he's not available for some reason.

Thanks much, SW

Sent from my iPad

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 3:10 PM

To: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Cc: Brown, Jessica (GOV)

Subject: FW: Flint

Regarding the Mayor's letter to the Governor, here's some helpful information regarding loans they'd like forgiven.

From: Butler, Sonya (DEQ)

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 1:51 PM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Subject: Flint

Brad

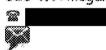
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I do not have the outstanding balances. Treasury will have that information.

Sonya T. Butler, Chief Revolving Loan Section Office of Drinking Water & Municipal Assistance Michigan Department of Environmental Quality 525 W. Allegan | Lansing, MI 48933



From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 3:14 PM

To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: FW: Flint

Attachments: CityofFlint_DWRF_Loans.xlsx

Oh, and this.

\$20 million and change.

From: Butler, Sonya (DEQ)

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 2:23 PM

To: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Subject: FW: Flint

The outstanding balance on all Flint loans is \$20.7M.

From: Muliett, Ann Marie (Treasury) **Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015 2:21 PM

To: Butler, Sonya (DEQ)

Cc: Bowman, Matthew (Treasury); Barton, John (Treasury)

Subject: RE: Flint

Good Afternoon.

Please view the attached and let me know if you need anything further.

Thank you and have a good day. AMM

Ann Marie Muliett Bureau of State and Authority Finance 430 W Allegan Street, 1st Floor Lansing, MI 48922 Phone: (517) 373-1557

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From: Butler, Sonya (DEQ)

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 1:56 PM

To: Muliett, Ann Marie (Treasury)

Subject: FW: Flint

Ann Marie

Can you get me the outstanding balances on the loans below? My DEQ communications person needs this information for a meeting in the governor's office.

From: Butler, Sonya (DEQ)

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 1:51 PM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Subject: Flint

Brad

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1	Drinking Water Revolving Fund						
2	City of Flint As of 1/27/2015						
3	Issue Date	Project Number	Rate	Final Loan Amount	Final Maturity	Last Payment	Outstanding Balance
4	9/30/1999	7019-01	2.50%	7,168,994.00	4/1/2020	10/1/2014	2,543,994.00
5	9/28/2000	7019-02	2.50%	8,035,000.00	4/1/2021	10/1/2014	3,275,000.00
6	9/28/2001	7019-03	2.50%	9,311,408.00	4/1/2022	10/1/2014	4,256,408.00
7	9/25/2003	7019-04	2.50%	18,984,934.00	10/1/2024	10/1/2014	10,694,934.00
8				43,500,336.00			20,770,336.00

From: Minicuci, Angela (DCH)

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 2:19 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Flint water

Sounds good, thanks Dave. Is this something that I should loop Jen into/ will we get media calls?

Angela

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 12:30 PM

To: Minicuci, Angela (DCH)

Subject: Flint water

Hi Angela,

When you get a moment, I can fill you in about an event involving the boss regarding Flint water. He was part of a meeting this morning. Me, you and Brad might be whipping something up.

Not bad, I promise.

Dave Murray

Deputy Press Secretary | Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder MurrayD1@michigan.gov 517-335-6397, office mobile

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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 4:07 PM

To: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)
Cc: Silfven, Ken (GOV); Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Datema, Maggie (DEQ)

Subject: DEQ Flint Backgrounder / talking points

Terry, all good and thanks for working these up. Been rebriefed by our staff, so let me throw in some things that are pertinent from that point.

Following the formal approval of Flint into the KWA, DWSD sent Flint a letter saying their contract was thereby terminated (early 2013).

According to our folks, Genesee County has been using DWSD water without a contract since May 2014. But Flint took the letter to imply a water cutoff, and promptly turned to DEQ with a proposal to use the Flint River (their historic backup system).

This proposed shift put the city in the business of water production, where they historically had been in the business of water transmission. DEQ approved the use of the river as a source, based on the treatment plant's past performance as a standby facility and the improvements needed prior to switchover. Several municipalities around the state use surface water supplies (rivers): Blissfield near Monroe, Manistique, and Alma to name a few.

The city completed the upgrades at the water plant the facility and DEQ approved it April 2014.

There were some initial hiccups. Last summer, there were a couple of 'boil water' notices issued. One for a water test that showed e. coli, one for a break in the water main.

The challenge to using the Flint River as a source is that the condition of the water is variable and changes with season and weather. It has substantially more organic matter than deep lake sources like Lake Huron. This organic matter is mobilized by high water events, and warm weather also can account for more organic material in the water.

The treatment of the organic matter is done with chlorine. One might conclude that the perennial answer is just to use more chlorine to achieve water safety. However, at some point on the continuum, the chlorine and organic matter create TTHM – total trihalomethanes – as a byproduct. When the standard for those is exceeded over several consecutive quarters of testing, the supply is required by law to issue public notice and submit an approved plan for addressing the situation.

You'll note that this regulatory approach means TTHM testing is done quarterly. That means people who use the system are exposed to TTHM for several months before the public notice is required. It's because TTHM is a chronic health threat. Over the long term (measured in decades), continued exposure can contribute to some known health problems. Put in context, the EPA (who established the standard and the rule) estimates this rule prevents an estimated 280 bladder cancer cases each year ... out of more than 330 million people who use public water supplies around the country.

It's not nothing. State and federal law requires quarterly testing for TTHM and that the public be informed of it when the annual average of four quarters' worth of consecutive testing shows TTHM levels exceeding 80 parts per billion. Flint's results managed to exceed the annual average in three quarters, and they must develop a plan to address it. But it's not like an eminent threat to public health. Unlike an e. Coli or even total coliform bacteria maximum contaminant level, which require immediate public notification and response and are part of daily / hourly testing of public water supplies, TTHMs pose a public health concern with chronic, long-term exposure.

It's clear the nature of the threat was communicated poorly. It's also clear that folks in Flint are concerned about other aspects of their water – taste, smell and color being among the top complaints.

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires public water supplies be tested for more than 90 regulated contaminants, including microbial contaminants. The act, and the program here in Michigan, work to ensure that water is <u>safe</u> to drink. The act does not regulate aesthetic values of water. Here are some factors affecting the aesthetics of water in Flint.

- It's the Flint River. The water supplied by DWSD historically came from Lake Huron. It's softer. With hard water, you get a different flavor and feel. It's why General Motors suspended use of Flint Water – it was rusting their parts. Also, there's the 'organics' factor (discussed previously).
- 2. The system is old. Flint has more than 500 miles of water pipes. More than half of those pipe miles are more than 75 years old. Much of it is cast iron. Hard water can react with cast iron and exacerbates the rusty factor, which creates that brown water that angry residents were holding up in jugs for the media cameras last week. Valve failure has also been a key challenge. The system has an estimated 7,500+ valves. When they stick open or stick shut, it affects the hydraulics of the system and increase areas of stagnation. The city has a backlog of valves that need to be addressed. They've done half a dozen or so since November.
- 3. Flint is old. Many of the homes served by the system are old. Brown water complaints may also be attributable to cast iron pipes in customers' service

connection to the city lines. The DEQ has been encouraging people with water coloration concerns to contact the city and see whether it is the service line or the City's line causing the issue. Again, discoloration is not an indicator of water quality or water safety, but we recognize that nobody likes it.

In summary, the City of Flint has tremendous need to address its water delivery system. We are not aware that they have any Capital Improvement funds for preventative maintenance in place, much less line replacement project monies that will require hundreds of millions. The City was approved for a Revolving Fund loan in 2008 or 2009. As a Distressed Community, they qualified for flexible terms and 2 percent interest rate Revolving Fund Loan. After they were notified they were approved for the loan, they declined it. Previous SRF loans from the state to Flint bear an outstanding balance of \$20.7 million today.

The DEQ continues working with the city to address the TTHM issue. They can take interim steps – from scrubbing the insides of transmission lines to carefully monitoring the hydraulic challenges in their system – to address customers' aesthetic concerns. Their TTHM numbers already are showing dramatic improvement; the November testing showed only one of seven sample points exceeding the standard. The key now is that the standard is an average of three quarters' worth of results. It will be some time before they are officially "not in violation." However, depending on weather in 2015, it's not unforeseeable that we will be having this conversation again by next Christmas.

The key to the conversation is that TTHM is not a top health concern. That's key because residents need to understand TTHM in context, and it is key because it appears the mayor has seized on the public panic (sparked, frankly, by their poor communication of the violation notice) to ask the state for loan forgiveness and more money for their infrastructure improvement.

Another key thing to remember is that once the city connects to the new KWA system in 2016, this issue will fade in the rearview.

Until then, our top messages:

- 1. The DEQ Drinking Water program works with communities around the state to ensure that municipalities provide customers with clean, safe drinking water.
- 2. Municipal water supplies are tested rigorously and regularly for more than 90 regulated contaminants, including microbial contaminants that pose an immediate public health concern.
- 3. Flint's exceedance of the TTHM standard should reassure residents that the testing program is effective.
- 4. TTHM is not an immediate health threat. It is a chronic concern, one that can be problematic over the course of several decades of exposure. The public was

- notified because the law requires the city to make public notification, so that everyone can make informed decisions. This is particularly true for people with infants or those with compromised immune systems.
- 5. The DEQ is working with the City to address the situation. Recent tests show the TTHM numbers dropping rapidly. The department will continue working with the city in the months ahead, and residents should feel confident that their water is safe to drink unless the DEQ or City notifies them otherwise.
- The discoloration and odor issues some Flint residents are experiencing are separate issues from the TTHM issue. TTHM is odorless, colorless and measured in parts per billion.
- 7. Flint water customers who have questions or concerns about their water should first contact the city to get answers and help. They also can contact the Michigan DEQ at ************* (web or phone address?)

Brad Wurfel Communications Director Michigan Department of Environmental Quality 517-284-6713

cell

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 3:15 PM

To: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Cc: Silfven, Ken; Brown, Jessica (GOV)

Subject: Flint water piece.

In case you guys missed Chastity Pratt's piece today in Bridge... http://bridgemi.com/2015/01/cringe-over-troubled-water-flints-smelly-dilemma/

I've drafted this response. Would like to send it to her yet today. Would like to make sure it doesn't cause any of us undue heartburn. Please review and call me? Thanks!

Hi, Chastity. Apologies we did not get to connect as you were preparing your story on Flint water. I understand DEQ staff were able to provide some data.

Overall, well done from a factual perspective. If you decide to revisit the issue, keep me in mind. I'd much like to offer some broader DEQ perspective on our drinking water program and this situation in particular. Some key pieces that folks should know include these:

- 1. The decision to leave Detroit as a water supplier and use the Flint River was developed and pushed by Flint's local elected officials over the concerns of state officials. Ultimately, the state signed off on the project (as required because of the EFM) but consider that Genesee County still gets water from Detroit today, without a contract. This switch wasn't mandated by Detroit, or the state, or anyone but the leadership in Flint, and was proposed as a money saver until the KWA system comes online.
- 2. The idea that the state owns Flint's water woes outright because of the presence of an EFM ignores that much of this problem is the result of decades of the city failing to perform upkeep on their system. Someone might even argue that the absence of a maintenance fund for infrastructure is just one more symptom of a broader problem that resulted in an EFM assigned to keep the city from financial crash. It's worth noting that the city was approved for a DEQ revolving fund loan in 2009, and DEQ sent a letter congratulating them, only to have the city decline the funding. Seen in that light, the city's proposed solution of state forgiveness on the \$20.7 million it presently owes to the State Revolving Fund and an infusion of new, no-strings money for maintenance and line repairs looks, arguably, different.
- 3. The heart of the problem isn't just because Flint's leaders decided to use the Flint River as a source. It's true that the river water varies in quality, and requires a flexible treatment strategy to address seasonal fluctuations, but the water aesthetics concerning residents in Flint are

compounded by the fact that the system is old and has not been kept up. Flint's water system consists of more than 500 miles of pipes, and more than half of those pipe miles are more than 75 years old. Much of it is cast iron (hence the color issues). The hardness of the water from the river certainly appears to be exacerbating the (rusting) discoloration. It's why GM pulled off Flint's water.

- 4. The Safe Drinking Water Act, and Michigan's drinking water program, regularly and rigorously reviews municipal water supplies for more than 90 different toxins, including microbial ones. The objective is comprehensive screening that keeps water quality up and mandatory reporting to help customers make informed health decisions when there's an issue, whether that's an immediate health threat (like e. coli or total coliform) or a long-term potential threat like TTHM. But it is the Safe Drinking Water Act, not the Clear Drinking Water Act. The program does not regulate water for aesthetics like color or smell.
- 5. We empathize with Flint residents who are unhappy with their water. They pay a lot for it, and in some cases it is not the clear, tasteless product one might anticipate. But our goal at DEQ is to make sure the system operators are testing the water according to state and federal law, and that it meets safety standards. Recent testing indicates that the TTHM levels are dropping rapidly, and we will continue to work with the city to protect water customers in the days, months and years ahead.

Thanks,

Brad Wurfel Communications Director Michigan Department of Environmental Quality 517-284-6713

cell

From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 10:20 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: When you have a few minutes today

Any time..

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 10:07 AM

To: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Subject: When you have a few minutes today

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mobile
Twitter:@michigandmurray

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 10:32 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Re: Flint Independent Water Analysis

I'll call Larry Elliot today. Nobody responded to my messaging yesterday. Without guidance otherwise, I'm just gonna go with it. Okay?

Sent from my iPhone

- > On Jan 30, 2015, at 10:21 AM, "Murray, David (GOV)" < Murray D1@michigan.gov > wrote:
- > Brad,
- > Drau,
- > He's something you will want to look at, in case you have not seen it already.
- > From: Clayton, Stacie (GOV)
- > Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 10:15 AM
- > To: Murray, David (GOV)
- > Subject: Flint Independent Water Analysis
- > Glad to help. Team work is what it's all about! Also, here is a document that Flint EM Ambrose sent to Harvey this morning.
- > Stacie
- > < Independent Water Analysis. PDF>

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 10:36 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Re: When you have a few minutes today

Have not heard about this. Will call.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 30, 2015, at 10:18 AM, "Murray, David (GOV)" < MurrayD1@michigan.gov> wrote:

I won't be able to make it to Ken's lunch, but call when you can. We need to move ahead with a \$2 million grant announcement in Flint that has some impact on water, and I know there will be DEQ kinds of questions.

Call when you can.

Thanks!!

Dave

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEO)

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 10:14 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: When you have a few minutes today

Yes. But my answer is going to be let's not just yet. And the reason is that I don't want my director to say publicly that the water in Flint is safe until we get the results of some county health department epidemiological traceback work on 42 cases of Legionnaires disease in Genesee County since last May. I'll explain more on the phone. Or we can talk at Ken's lunch ...

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Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 10:08 AM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

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From: Silfven, Ken

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 11:13 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: RE: I'll be there in spirit!

Hang in there, friend.

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 11:12 AM

To: Silfven, Ken

Subject: Re: I'll be there in spirit!

Flint water...

See you Monday!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 30, 2015, at 11:10 AM, Silfven, Ken < SilfvenK@michigan.gov > wrote:

Nooo!!! Bummer, what's up?? On the bright side, I'll see you Monday at the GR event. Ken

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 10:52 AM

To: Silfven, Ken

Subject: I'll be there in spirit!

Hey, I won't be able to be at the farewell lunch today, but would LOVE to grab a bite with you on another day!

From: Fonger, Ronald <RFONGER1@mlive.com>

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 12:26 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: mayor

Dave: I talked to Dayne Walling, who said he spoke with the governor today. The mayor was pretty positive about the discussion.

Can we get a comment on the conversation and governor's consideration of the mayor's suggestions? Thanks,

Ron Fonger

MLive Media Group Reporter

mobile

email rfonger1@mlive.com

address 540 S. Saginaw St. #101, Flint MI 48502

From: Walsh, John (GOV)

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 1:58 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Cc: Brownfield, Michael (GOV); Allard, Claire (GOV)

Subject: Flint Water

Dave, if you need anything as you plan next Tuesday's announcement in Flint, please contact Mike Brownfield. In addition, please note that Claire Allard is quite familiar with the distressed city grants.

Thank you.

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 2:45 PM

To: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Cc: Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV)

Subject:Flint water backgrounderAttachments:Flint water backgrounder.docx

Here's my backgrounder on Flint. Share as appropriate. Key messages at the end.

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DEQ BACKGROUNDER: FLINT WATER

Following the formal approval of Flint into the KWA in 2012, DWSD sent Flint a letter saying their contract was thereby terminated (by early 2013).

Genesee County has been using DWSD water without a contract since May 2014. But Flint took the letter to imply a water cutoff, and promptly turned to DEQ with a proposal to use the Flint River (their historic backup system).

This proposed shift was pitched primarily as a money saver. But it put the city in the business of water production, where they historically had been in the business of water transmission. DEQ approved the use of the river as a source, based on the treatment plant's past performance as a standby facility and the improvements we outlined prior to a switchover.

Several municipalities around the state use surface water supplies (rivers): Blissfield near Monroe, Manistique, and Alma to name a few.

The city completed the upgrades at the water plant the facility and DEQ approved it April 2014.

There were some initial hiccups. Last summer, there were a couple of 'boil water' notices issued. One for a water test that showed e. coli, one for a break in the water main.

The challenge to using the Flint River as a source is that the condition of the water is variable and changes with season and weather. It has substantially more organic matter than deep lake sources like Lake Huron. This organic matter is mobilized by high water events, and warm weather also can account for more organic material in the water.

The treatment of the organic matter is done with chlorine. One might conclude that the continual answer is just to use more chlorine to achieve water safety. However, at some point on the continuum, the chlorine and organic matter create TTHM – total trihalomethanes – as a byproduct. When the standard for those is exceeded over several consecutive quarters of testing, the supply is required by law to issue public notice and submit an approved plan for addressing the situation.

You'll note that this regulatory approach means TTHM testing is done quarterly. That means people who use the system are exposed to TTHM for several months before the public notice is required. It's because TTHM is a chronic health threat. Over the long term (measured in decades), continued exposure can contribute to some known health problems. If this were an immediate health

threat, customers would receive immediate notification to boil their water or not use it.

Put in context, the EPA (who established the standard and the rule) estimates the existence of the TTHM standard prevents an estimated 280 bladder cancer cases each year ... out of more than 330 million people who use public water supplies around the country.

It's not "nothing." State and federal law requires quarterly testing for TTHM and that the public be informed of it when the annual average of four quarters' worth of consecutive testing shows TTHM levels exceeding 80 parts per billion. Flint's results managed to exceed the annual average in three quarters, and they must develop a plan to address it.

But it's not like an eminent threat to public health. Unlike an e. Coli or even total coliform bacteria maximum contaminant level, which require immediate public notification and response and are part of daily / hourly testing of public water supplies, TTHMs pose a public health concern with chronic, long-term exposure.

It's clear the nature of the threat was communicated poorly. It's also clear that folks in Flint are concerned about other aspects of their water – taste, smell and color being among the top complaints.

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires public water supplies be tested for more than 90 regulated contaminants, including microbial contaminants. The act, and the program here in Michigan, work to ensure that water is <u>safe</u> to drink. The act <u>does not</u> regulate aesthetic values of water. Here are some factors affecting the aesthetics of water in Flint.

- 1. It's the Flint River. The water supplied by DWSD historically came from Lake Huron. It's softer. With hard water, you get a different flavor and feel. It's why General Motors suspended use of Flint Water it was rusting their parts. Also, there's the 'organics' factor (discussed previously).
- 2. The system is old. Flint has more than 500 miles of water pipes. More than half of those pipe miles are more than 75 years old. Much of it is cast iron. Hard water can react with cast iron and exacerbates the rusty factor, which creates that brown water that angry residents were holding up in jugs for the media cameras last week. Valve failure has also been a key challenge. The system has an estimated 7,500+ valves. When they stick open or stick shut, it affects the hydraulics of the system and increase areas of stagnation. The city has a backlog of valves that need to be addressed. They've done half a dozen or so since November.

3. Flint is old. Many of the homes served by the system are old. Brown water complaints may also be attributable to cast iron pipes in customers' service connection to the city lines. The DEQ has been encouraging people with water coloration concerns to contact the city and see whether it is the service line or the City's line causing the issue. Again, discoloration is not an indicator of water quality or water safety, but we recognize that nobody likes it.

In summary, the City of Flint has tremendous need to address its water delivery system. We are not aware that they have any Capital Improvement funds for preventative maintenance in place, much less line replacement project monies that will require hundreds of millions.

The City was approved for a Revolving Fund loan in 2008 or 2009. As a Distressed Community, they qualified for flexible terms and 2 percent interest rate Revolving Fund Loan. After they were notified they were approved for the loan, they declined it. Previous SRF loans from the state to Flint bear an outstanding balance of \$20.7 million today.

The DEQ continues working with the city to address the TTHM issue. They can take interim steps – from scrubbing the insides of transmission lines to carefully monitoring the hydraulic challenges in their system – to address customers' aesthetic concerns. Their TTHM numbers already are showing dramatic improvement; the November testing showed only one of seven sample points exceeding the standard.

The key now is that the standard is an average of three quarters' worth of results. It will be some time before they are officially "not in violation." However, depending on weather in 2015, it's not unforeseeable that we will be having this conversation again by next Christmas.

The key to the conversation is that TTHM is not a top health concern. That's key because residents need to understand TTHM in context, and it is key because it appears the mayor has seized on the public panic (sparked, frankly, by their poor communication of the violation notice) to ask the state for loan forgiveness and more money for their infrastructure improvement.

Another key thing to remember is that once the city connects to the new KWA system in 2016, this issue will fade in the rearview. **Key messages:**

1. The DEQ Drinking Water program works with communities around the state to ensure that municipalities provide customers with clean, safe drinking water.

- 2. Municipal water supplies are tested rigorously and regularly for more than 90 regulated contaminants, including microbial contaminants that pose an immediate public health concern.
- 3. Flint's exceedance of the TTHM standard should reassure residents that the testing program is effective.
- 4. TTHM is not an immediate health threat. It is a chronic concern, one that can be problematic over the course of several decades of exposure. The public was notified because the law requires the city to make public notification, so that everyone can make informed decisions. This is particularly true for people with infants or those with compromised immune systems.
- 5. The DEQ is working with the City to address the situation. Recent tests show the TTHM numbers dropping rapidly. The department will continue working with the city in the months ahead, and residents should feel confident that their water is safe to drink unless the DEQ or City notifies them otherwise.
- 6. The discoloration and odor issues some Flint residents are experiencing are separate issues from the TTHM issue. TTHM is odorless, colorless and measured in parts per billion.
- 7. Flint water customers who have questions or concerns about their water should first contact the city to get answers and help. They also can contact the Michigan DEQ.

From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 4:19 PM

To: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Allard, Claire (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Cc: Posthumus, Dick (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Hollins, Harvey (GOV)

Subject: Flint FDCVT Project Summaries

Importance: High

All...see below. As noted on the 1:30 conf call, both are "related" to water.

Flint Incinerator

The grant project entails shutting down the current Water Pollution Control Facility Incinerator (due to the incinerator not being up to new EPA standards). In order to meet EPA standards, it would cost roughly \$8.8M in upgrades to the current incinerator. The grant funding will allow them to replace the functions of the old incinerator by constructing new facilities which will allow for the disposal of waste to landfills.

Budget Breakdown

Construction Contractor\$1,050,000Project Management\$50,000Total\$1,100,000

Flint Leak Detection

The grant project will allow the city to hire a contractor to perform a leak detection survey of the city water lines. The city will receive a map of leak locations and an assessment of leak severity. This data will allow the city to prioritize leak repair. The project also covers the expense of conducting a water pipe line wall thickness condition assessment on a portion of the city's pipes. The assessment will guide the city's water main replacement program.

Budget Breakdown

Project Planning \$90,000

Mobilization of Crew to Site \$27,000

Leak Detection < 16" diameter \$378,000

Leak Detection 16" diameter or > \$270,000

Pipe Condition Assessments \$135,000

Total \$900,000

From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury) **Sent:** Friday, January 30, 2015 8:37 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Cc: Brown, Jessica (GOV)

Subject:Distressed Cities...draft releaseAttachments:FDCVT Grant Awards draft.doc

Dave & Sara...

Please see the attached draft. I am sending to my ORTA staff so they can double check the unit names and amounts.

Let me know if you need anything else before Monday morning.

Also, as you (Sara) may know...I spoke with Brad and we will be meeting with Dick, my leg. Liaison (Paul Connors) and Evah Cole from ORTA (Grants) and Rep Neely Monday at 11. Wish us luck;)

Terry



RICK SNYDER GOVERNOR R. KEVIN CLINTON STATE TREASURER

February 3, 2015

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Contact: Terry Stanton, Treasury (517) 335-2167 Dave Murray, Governor (517) 335-6397

draft

Snyder announces grants for distressed municipalities

\$8 million will address water, public safety, and appraisal issues

Gov. Rick Snyder today announced that \$8 million in funding, through the Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships Grant Program will be awarded to six local units of government in Michigan. Funding will help municipalities fund various improvement projects, including water system and street lighting enhancements, as well as technology upgrades. Municipalities had to be experiencing one or more conditions indicative of "probable financial stress," as defined by Public Act 436 of 2012, the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act, to qualify for a grant.

"Municipalities receiving this special funding are some of the areas around Michigan hardest hit by the Great Recession," Gov. Snyder said. "I am pleased we can offer funding assistance to help these local governments improve various public services their taxpayers and residents expect and deserve."

Under the grant program, funding may be used to pay for specific projects, services, or strategies that move a city, village, or township toward financial stability. \$8 million was appropriated for the program with a \$2 million cap, per local unit.

The following communities will receive funding through the Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships Grant Program in fiscal year 2015 with projects and amounts noted (alphabetical order):

Local Unit	Project Description	Amount
City of Benton Harbor	Complete a property reappraisal to provide updated and	
	accurate assessing records. Additionally, community	
	enhancement through blight management and sidewalk	
	replacement.	\$475,000
City of Benton Harbor	Water system enhancement through water main replacements	
	and fire hydrant repairs.	\$434,960
City of Ecorse	Public safety enhancement through improved street lighting.	\$350,000
City of Flint	Water system enhancement through improved waste	
	management.	\$1,100,000
City of Flint	Water system enhancement through leak detection and pipe	
	assessments.	\$900,000

City of Hamtramck	Complete a property reappraisal to provide updated and	
	accurate assessing records.	\$167,860
City of Hamtramck	Upgrade City Hall security.	\$50,000
City of Hamtramck	Public safety enhancement through improved street lighting.	\$404,600
City of Highland Park	Water system enhancement through meter replacement, leak	
	detection, and system repairs.	\$2,000,000
City of Inkster	Complete a property reappraisal to provide updated and	
	accurate assessing records.	\$73,460
City of Inkster	Water system enhancement through fire hydrant repairs.	\$150,000
City of Inkster	Provide a backup power source for public safety.	\$30,000
City of Inkster	Public safety enhancement through the creation of a multi-	
	jurisdictional narcotic team.	\$240,000
City of Inkster	Public safety enhancement through police officer training.	\$41,970
City of Inkster	Public safety enhancement through the deployment of an	
	additional police officer.	\$320,000
City of Lincoln Park	Public safety enhancement through updated technology.	\$143,490
City of Melvindale	Public safety enhancement through fleet replacement of police	
	vehicles and updated technology.	\$88,000
City of Pontiac	Community enhancement through blight management.	
		\$125,000
City of River Rouge	Public safety enhancement through improved street lighting.	
•	Additionally, infrastructure replacements to City Hall.	\$591,508
Royal Oak Township	Public safety enhancement through improved street lighting	\$86,559
Royal Oak Township	Public safety enhancement of police services.	\$217,593

Applications for the next round of Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships Grant Program will be available on the Department of Treasury website this spring. Applications must be submitted to Treasury by the close of business on XXX, XXX 31, 2015.

Preference is generally given to applicants from local units in which:

- A financial emergency has been declared in the past five years;
- An approved Deficit Elimination Plan for the General Fund is currently in place; or,
- Two or more conditions indicating "probable financial distress" currently exist.

For more information about FDCVT grants, including an application for cities, villages, and townships, visit www.michigan.gov/revenuesharing.

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^{*}Conditions of "probable financial distress" relating solely to school districts are not included as conditions for FDCVT, as school districts are not eligible.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 9:06 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV) **Subject:** Re: Flint event on Tuesday

I believe Wayne has spoken w him and I left a message. Will follow up this am.

TS

On Feb 3, 2015, at 9:05 AM, Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov > wrote:

Terry, just wanted to double-check. Have you connected with Jerry Ambrose to make sure he's aware of the event and is attending?

Thanks!

Dave

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From: Jason Lorenz <jlorenz@cityofflint.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 9:53 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)
Cc: Davne Walling

Subject: Re: Still on for tomorrow

Good Morning,

If it's not too late, here is a quote from the Mayor:

"This announcement comes at the perfect time for Flint as we continue with repairs and upgrades to our water service infrastructure that are in accordance with our new Capital Improvement Plan. This significant funding opportunity from the State will allow us to move forward with two projects that will mean long term cost savings for the City of Flint."

-Flint Mayor Dayne Walling

Thanks.

Jason

-Jason Lorenz
Public Information Officer
City of Flint
(810) 237-2039
illorenz@cityofflint.com

On Mon, Feb 2, 2015 at 3:46 PM, Murray, David (GOV) < <u>MurrayD1@michigan.gov</u>> wrote: Hi Jason,

We're good on the podium, and we'll take care of the advisory. We should be good! Thank you for your help on this. I know we jumped in out of the blue on you.

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 2, 2015, at 3:30 PM, Jason Lorenz \(\leftrightarrow{\text{cityofflint.com}} \) \(\text{mailto:} \(\leftrightarrow{\text{com}} \) \(\text{wrote:} \)

Hi Dave,

We will have the PA system ready to go tomorrow and I'm trying to get a quote for you. Was there anything else you needed from me besides those two items? Do you need a podium or anything like that? Are you handling the media advisory and press release? Just let me know.

Very Best,

Jason

-Jason Lorenz
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On Mon, Feb 2, 2015 at 1:17 PM, Murray, David (GOV) < MurrayD1@michigan.gov> wrote: Hi Jason,

Just wanted to touch base. We're still on for tomorrow, and thank you for working to get the sound system from the police department.

Do you think the mayor wants to contribute a quote to our release?

I'm working from Grand Rapids today, and will be on my cell phone if you need me.

Thanks!

Dave Murray

From: Jason Lorenz [mailto:jlorenz@cityofflint.com<mailto:jlorenz@cityofflint.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 5:41 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Re: Thank you for your help!

You're very welcome, David. I spoke with the Mayor and he would be glad to speak at Tuesday's event. Please keep me informed as the details become clear; as I said before, I'm here to help in any way I can.

Have a Good Weekend,

Jason

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Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:25 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Media advisory about Flint event this afternoon

Thanks very much for the heads-up, Dave - we will be there

Kevin

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From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

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Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:25 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Media advisory about Flint event this afternoon

Absolutely...not a problem. I can reach out to Jason to set something up.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:22 AM

To: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Subject: FW: Media advisory about Flint event this afternoon

Hi Terry,

Not sure how you folks do this, but do you think someone from Treasury could call into this Flint radio show tomorrow to talk about the grants?

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From: Sent:	Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:45 AM
To: Subject:	Murray, David (GOV) Re: Flint media event this afternoon
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From: Sent: Friday, January 16 To: Murray, David (GOV) Subject: a news media	
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David,	
During his entire tenur	e as governor, how many vetoes has Gov. Snyder issued?

Michigan Radio

From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:51 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV) **Subject:** RE: Flint event on Tuesday

Attachments: RELEASE Flint water grants.docx; 2 FDCVT Grant Awards draft.docx; RELEASE Flint

water grants TS.docx; FDCVT Grant Awards TS.docx

Importance: High

Not a problem.

BTW...attached are the draft releases with track changes showing...and a second set with changes accepted. I sent them to my grant folks to ensure accuracy, etc., and the changes reflect their input.

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:41 AM

To: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury) **Subject:** RE: Flint event on Tuesday

Thank you, Terry!

We should be set. We'll send out our release at 3, if you folks want to follow that.

Thank you for EVERYTHING on this. I know I took up a lot of your time. Appreciated!

From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:13 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Flint event on Tuesday

Let me know what, if anything, you need from me today...

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:12 AM

To: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury) **Subject:** Re: Flint event on Tuesday

Perfect!!! Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 3, 2015, at 10:11 AM, Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury) < Stanton T@michigan.gov > wrote:

Jerry Ambrose is planning to be at the press event..

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 9:04 AM

To: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury) **Subject:** RE: Flint event on Tuesday

Terry, just wanted to double-check. Have you connected with Jerry Ambrose to make sure he's aware of the event and is attending?

Thanks!

Dave

From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 8:45 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Re: Flint event on Tuesday

Ok. Cool. Unfortunately I can't help w the Reps

TS

On Feb 3, 2015, at 8:29 AM, Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov > wrote:

Hi Terry,

I think we'll be OK. Brad will be there, too. I'm worried about the state reps, but I think we'll be OK.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 8:25 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Re: Flint event on Tuesday

Dave...

Given my schedule, I wasn't planning to be in flint today...unless you feel there is a need for me to be there.

Please advise.

TS

On Feb 2, 2015, at 1:34 PM, Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon team,

Just wanted to touch base on Tuesday's event in Flint. Unless told otherwise, I'm continuing to prepare for the event.

I touched base with Harvey and Stacie, who recommended we proceed. Harvey is approaching some stakeholders about appearing at the event, and will forward those names to me later today. I left a message with Dick Posthumus to see if he has any concerns about proceeding.

The Senate Democrats said Sen. Ananich will want to appear. Katie Carey from the House said she would forward information to Rep. Neeley and Phelps. I have not heard back from her yet.

I've attached the backgrounder and the draft releases from Governor's Communications and Treasury. I've sent a message to the mayor's office about a quote, but have not heard back yet.

Brad and I spoke about Director Wyant's role and potential comments. He will point out that there are things the state can do to help monitor the situation, but also will note that the city's water infrastructure is aging, which contributes to the problems.

We need some direction on an advisory. Should this be listed on a typical advisory from the governor's office, or come from Treasury? Do we even issue an advisory in favor of just contacting media directly in the morning?

Please give the draft releases a read for potential changes, or let me know of other concerns.

Thank you!

Dave

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- <2 FDCVT Grant Awards draft.docx>
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For more information about FDCVT grants, including an application for cities, villages, and townships, visit www.michigan.gov/revenuesharing.

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We do not think this footnote is needed (however if you leave it in, you need to put the * at the point of reference and change "distress" to "stress".

*Conditions of "probable financial distress" relating solely to school districts are not included as conditions for FDCVT, as school districts are not eligible.



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Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:29 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Re: Advisory about Flint event this afternoon

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Walter Smith-Randolph Reporter NBC25 News (810) 247-1305 Wsmithrandolph@sbgtv.com @WalterReports Sent from my iPhone

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From: Biehl, Laura (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:45 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV);

Paciorek, Josh (GOV); Rexford, Tori (GOV)

Subject: RE: Possible final version of Flint water grant release

Looks good to me.

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:07 AM

To: Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV); Paciorek, Josh (GOV); Rexford,

Tori (GOV)

Subject: Possible final version of Flint water grant release

Team,

Here's the latest version of the Flint water grant release. This includes edits from Treasury, a quote from Mayor Walling and the deletion of Rep. Phelps, who cannot attend.

The event starts at 3 p.m.

Thank you!

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From: Fonger, Ronald <RFONGER1@mlive.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:57 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Advisory about Flint event this afternoon

Ok thanks dave. This much is fair game to use, right? fyi . im still waiting to hear back from jerry johnson on the other thing

Ron Fonger

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From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 9:48 AM

To: Fonger, Ronald

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Ron, here's the notice about the event. I can give you embargoed background in a little bit.

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From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 12:21 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV); Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Cc: Agen, Jarrod (GOV)

Subject: Fwd: MEDIA ADVISORY: Keep the Water Flowing Event Press Conference

FYI - did we know about this? Did Jason give a heads up on this? Why announce 45 mins before event and just before state presser?

Sara Wurfel

Press Secretary | Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jason Lorenz <<u>ilorenz@cityofflint.com</u>> **Date:** February 3, 2015 at 12:01:34 PM EST

To: undisclosed-recipients:;

Subject: MEDIA ADVISORY: Keep the Water Flowing Event Press Conference

MEDIA ADVISORY: Keep the Water Flowing Resident Assistance "Water Fair" Press Conference

WHEN: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 1pm

WHERE: Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties, 901 Chippewa St., Flint

Details on an upcoming event to provide education on assistance available to Flint residents for access to water will be announced by officials from the City of Flint and its partnering agencies, Catholic Charities, the United Way of Genesee County, the Salvation Army, the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and Home Depot.

-Jason Lorenz
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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 12:24 PM

To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Cc: Murray, David (GOV); Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Agen, Jarrod (GOV)

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To: undisclosed-recipients:;

Subject: MEDIA ADVISORY: Keep the Water Flowing Event Press

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Public Information Officer City of Flint (810) 237-2039 ilorenz@cityofflint.com From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 12:32 PM

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Attachments: 3 RELEASE Flint water grants TS.docx

Importance: High

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Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 5:35 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Advisory about Flint event this afternoon

He called and we're set. Thanks again

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Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 5:26 PM

To: Fonger, Ronald

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From: Dupnack, Jessica <jessica.dupnack@abc12.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 9:41 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Re: Great job on the Flint water grant story

Thanks! That means a lot. We always get he negative feedback (as you know from the "old journal days") so it's nice to see some positive!

I've got your number saved for whenever I need to bug ya. Have a good night!

Thanks!
Jessica Dupnack

On Feb 3, 2015, at 9:38 PM, "Murray, David (GOV)" < Murray D1@michigan.gov > wrote:

http://www.abc12.com/story/28012973/2-million-in-grant-money-coming-to-flint-to-help-with-water-situation

Jessica,

Just wanted to say you did a great job on the Flint water grant story. It's a complicated issue, and you explained it very well!

Always nice to come "home" to Flint – I worked for the Journal for 10 years and my kids were born there. Will always have a soft spot for the city.

Let me know if I can ever be of assistance to you.

Dave Murray

From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 11:44 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Re: Thank you very much for your help.

You did great work, Dave!!

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On Feb 3, 2015, at 9:55 PM, Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov > wrote:

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who took part in Tuesday's grant announcement press conference in Flint.

I know that very, very busy people tore up their schedules to appear, or spent a great deal of time with me providing technical assistance and mentoring to bring everything together – even during the weekend and on a snow day. Your help is deeply appreciated!

I think the coverage looks good so far, giving us a chance to change the narrative and explain the state's proper role helping the city with this long-standing issue. Here are some of the early stories:

Governor awards Flint \$2 million for troubled water system; Mayor says more is needed, MLive \$2 million in grant money coming to Flint to help with water situation, WJRT-12 Snyder grants \$2 million to Flint for troubled water system, Toldeo Blade (AP story)

Thank you again,

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From: Wheaton, Bob (DHS)

Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 2:46 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV)

Subject: VERY IMPORTANT Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing Notice on Flint Water

Importance: High

Hi All,

I've discussed this previously with Dave, but there are important new developments. Can someone contact me ASAP? MSNBC just contacted us about this, and I've discussed a response with Geralyn that I need to run by your shop.

Thanks!

Cell:

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WheatonB@michigan.gov www.michigan.gov/dhs From: Jason Cooper < Jason.Cooper@townsquaremedia.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 2:56 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Media advisory about Flint event this afternoon

Dave-

Just wanted to drop a quick thanks for putting Terry Stanton in touch with me. Wish I could have made it over to the event yesterday, but having the Treasury Dept. on today to discuss the announcement was the next best thing.

Again, thanks!

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:21 AM

To: Jason Cooper

Subject: RE: Media advisory about Flint event this afternoon

Hi Jason,

The governor will be tough to get, but I think there is a chance we can get someone from Treasury. Let me reach out to the folks over there.

From: Jason Cooper [mailto:Jason.Cooper@townsquaremedia.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:14 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Media advisory about Flint event this afternoon

Dave-

Thanks. I will see what I can do to make it over there. Have taken on some new responsibilities here at work and that might have me tied up.

If I can't, any chance for an interview with the Governor (or treasury official) tomorrow? I could pre-record something early in the morning or we could do something during my show?

Again, thanks!

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:11 AM

To: Jason Cooper

Subject: RE: Media advisory about Flint event this afternoon

Sure thing! Off the record – and there will be a release this afternoon – we are announcing the city will receive two large state grants to help with water infrastructure.

From: Jason Cooper [mailto:Jason.Cooper@townsquaremedia.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:07 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

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Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 2:15 PM

To: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

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Subject: Fwd: pastor harris

Thoughts on this? Who responds? How?

Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Fonger, Ronald" < RFONGER1@mlive.com>

Date: February 5, 2015 at 1:06:36 PM EST

To: "wurfelb@michigan.gov" <wurfelb@michigan.gov>

Subject: pastor harris

Brad:

I just spoke with Pastor Harris, the president of the Concerned Pastors for Social Action. He said the group asked that Flint be immediately re-connected to Lake Huron water during yesterday's meeting and is expecting a response of some kind by the beginning of next week. Would you or Dave Murray want to comment on whether that's under consideration? I just wanted you guys to know what he's saying – without equivocation – in the story. Thanks,

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From: Wheaton, Bob (DHS)

Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 9:59 AM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Cc: Lasher, Geralyn (DCH); Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Minicuci, Angela

(DCH); Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Subject: Re: FLINT WATER NOTES

Thanks, Brad. I'll let you know of any media inquiries.

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On Feb 9, 2015, at 9:20 AM, "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" < Wurfel @michigan.gov > wrote:

Hey, friends. Anticipating more coverage this week on Flint, want to make sure we are all looped in and on the same page. Treasury takes calls on funding and money and the EM. DEQ takes calls on water quality. Here's what I can share about the water quality part.

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) are a byproduct of too much chlorine to kill organic material in a water supply. They are among the 80 toxins water suppliers monitor. They are considered a long-term health hazard. As such, they're sampled from water systems every quarter. Systems are required to remain below 80 parts per billion on a yearly average (four quarters). Flint exceeded the average in the course of three quarters last year.

Water system operators around the state periodically get a high result for TTHMs. When consecutive quarters of testing remain at high levels, it's usually a sign that operators are using too much chlorine to address high levels of organic matter in their water source. This most frequently affects systems that use surface water as a source. And several municipal water systems around the state do use surface water (rivers) as a source.

When a water system exceeds this standard, the operator gets a very formally worded violation notice from DEQ that says, effectively, "hey, your numbers are high. Alert your customers and figure out how you're going to bring your numbers back down." This is not as serious as a boil

water advisory situation. But, the (think decades) long-term risk of drinking water with high TTHMs is an increased risk of exposure to cancer causing agents, so it's not a situation that the state can accept as status quo.

Because TTHM is measured on an annual (quarterly) basis, it will take a couple quarters of clear results before the city's average falls below the guidelines. This means Flint will probably be issuing another public notice about TTHM in March, despite that the high samples were late last summer.

Flint's numbers have dropped dramatically since the November testing and they're presently in compliance with state drinking water standards.

The water as it leaves the plant is clean, sanitary and safe. However, the water supply system is old, poorly maintained and many residents' connections are also old and poorly maintained. Thus, some residents are experiencing water that smells off or is discolored. This is from the transmission system, not the production system. The three top issues appear to be

- a. Hard water interacting with cast iron pipes, causing water that looks rusty (and likely tastes a bit irony)
- ь. Water sitting too long in the pipes because of valves not working properly or limited users in some sections of the system; or,
- c. Residents with old homes that have cast iron connections contributing to the hard water issue.

So, how do we message this issue in light of the many variables at play?

- 1. Right now, water produced at the Flint plant is meeting state safe drinking water standards.
- 2. DEQ is aware that many residents have concerns about smell, color and other aesthetic qualities of their water. There are several potential causes for aesthetic water conditions. Residents with these concerns are encouraged to contact the City first to

report problems. They also can contact the Michigan DEQ, but the City operates the system and needs to be alerted to concerns with their system to help document problem areas and prioritize improvements.

- 3. Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) is odorless and colorless. It is regarded as a Iong-term health concern. TTHM was included in the list of toxins screened under the Safe Drinking Water Act because of its potential for long-term potential health concerns. This is why it is only sampled quarterly. The water operator is required by law to notify residents when the annually averaged standard has been exceeded, and the system operator is required to take active steps to get back into compliance with the standard for TTHM.
- 4. Residents received notice because the law requires transparency and works to help ensure residents can make informed decisions. The notice residents received early this month is a totally separate issue from the water discoloration issues some residents are reporting.
- 5. The DEQ continues working with Flint Water system operators to ensure that residents receive water that complies with state drinking water standards. This system is tested regularly and rigorously, and the results are reported to customers as outlined in the Safe Drinking Water Act.

From: Wheaton, Bob (DHS)

Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 3:57 PM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Subject: RE: IMPORTANT MEDIA ISSUE Please call

Here's what our Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing emailed on Friday:

City of Flint Warns of Potential Health Risks Caused by the City's Drinking Water

The city says there's been too much disinfection byproduct in Flint's water system recently, something that -- over many years could cause liver, kidney or central nervous system problems and an increased risk of cancer.

The notice from the city says Flint water is safe to drink but warns that those with a severely compromised immune system, who have an infant or who are elderly may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider.

For others, there is no need to boil water or take other actions, the notice says.

It is recommended that licensed child care providers and licensed adult foster care and homes for the aged providers seek medical advice or use bottle water when serving individuals at increased risk as outlined above.

For more information, go to to the city's website at http://cityofflint.com.

From: Wheaton, Bob (DHS)

Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 3:41 PM **To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)

Cc: Feuerstein, Heather (DEQ)

Subject: IMPORTANT MEDIA ISSUE Please call

Importance: High

Hi Brad, Karen,

Could one of you call me ASAP regarding a media crisis having to do with Flint water?

Thanks!

Bob Wheaton
Manager of Communications/Public Information Officer
Michigan Department of Human Services
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Lansing, MI 48909
Phone: 517-373-4287

Cell:

WheatonB@michigan.gov www.michigan.gov/dhs From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 2:09 PM

To: Rauch, Randy (DHS); Wheaton, Bob (DHS); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Cc: Mose, Sandi Kay (DHS); Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Subject: RE: Channel 12

Thanks for the loop in. DEQ oversees the quality of the water through our drinking water program. What the residents are charged is determined by the city. Who gets shut off, turned back on and all other operational questions should go to the city.

From: Rauch, Randy (DHS)

Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 1:25 PM

To: Wheaton, Bob (DHS); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Cc: Mose, Sandi Kay (DHS) **Subject:** RE: Channel 12

I will give Angie your phone number. Thank you Bob.

From: Wheaton, Bob (DHS)

Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 1:22 PM

To: Rauch, Randy (DHS); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Cc: Mose, Sandi Kay (DHS) **Subject:** RE: Channel 12

Hi Randy,

This should definitely come to me to answer rather than being answered at the local office. I'm CC'ing Brad Wurfel from DEQ Communications.

We can tell her how much SER funding is available, but I don't think we're the ones who could or should say how much it costs for water, how much it costs to turn the water back on and/or why people in Flint are without water.

Thanks.

Bob Wheaton

Manager of Communications/Public Information Officer Michigan Department of Human Services 235 S. Grand Ave. Suite 1510 P.O. Box 30037

Lansing, MI 48909 Phone: 517-373-4287

WheatonB@michigan.gov www.michigan.gov/dhs From: Rauch, Randy (DHS)

Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 1:17 PM

To: Wheaton, Bob (DHS) **Cc:** Mose, Sandi Kay (DHS) **Subject:** Channel 12

Angie Hendershot would like to interview someone from this office regarding what the State pays for SER towards water bills. Turn on fees and the like. ABC 12 is doing a story about the water issues in Flint and the piece their interested in now is about the cost of the water and how much it costs and why so many people are without water. Then what it costs to get the water back on.

Do you want us to refer her to you or talk to her locally. I would have to discuss this with Sandi Mose, because SER is in her area.

From: Fonger, Ronald <RFONGER1@mlive.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 11:28 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: contact for Harvey Hollins' office

Dave:

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Ron Fonger

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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 11:29 AM

To: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Muchmore,

Dennis (GOV)

Subject:Fwd: FlintAttachments:image001.gif

FYI

From: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)

Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 10:46 AM

To: Sygo, Jim (DEQ); Datema, Maggie (DEQ); Howes, Sarah (DEQ)

Cc: Shaler, Karen (DEQ); Feuerstein, Heather (DEQ)

Subject: FW: Flint

FYI

From: Butler, Sonya (DEQ)

Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 10:38 AM

To: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)

Subject: Flint

FYI: Representative Kildee has contacted EPA about receiving principal forgiveness for

Flint. As soon as I know more, I'll let you know.

Sonya T. Butler, Chief

Revolving Loan Section

Office of Drinking Water & Municipal Assistance

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

525 W. Allegan | Lansing, MI 48933



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From: Fonger, Ronald <RFONGER1@mlive.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 4:10 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: contact for Harvey Hollins' office

Ok thanks dave

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 3:52 PM

To: Fonger, Ronald

Subject: RE: contact for Harvey Hollins' office

Hi Ron,

Sorry for the delay, will have something for you shortly.

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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2015 1:01 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)
Cc: Hollins, Harvey (GOV)

Subject: RE: Flint water

Got it halfway penned before the League of Condemnation Voters report card came up. I will have some information to Harvey this afternoon. Does Jarrod want to be copied?

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2015 1:00 PM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) **Cc:** Hollins, Harvey (GOV) **Subject:** Flint water

Hi Brad and Harvey,

Jarrod asked me to touch base and see if there is an update on the Flint water and filters plan.

Thanks!

Dave Murray

Deputy Press Secretary | Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder MurrayD1@michigan.gov
517-335-6397, office mobile

Twitter:@michigandmurray

From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 10:42 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: FW: Draft release - restructuring of DWRF bonds

Attachments: DWRF Bond Restructuring.docx

Dave...

The City of Flint is looking to issue this around noon. Jason is aware the date at the top is wrong and is fixing it.

Tom Saxton, Wayne Workman, and our bond folks have signed off.

I sent it to Brad at DEQ before realizing he is with Sara and may not see it. I don't know who the #2 is at DEQ (or if BW has a #2)...but thought maybe you could share with them.

Saxton has shared it with Jim Sygo, Dep Director with DEQ.

From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 10:03 AM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Subject: FW: Draft release - restructuring of DWRF bonds

I have told him the date is wrong at the top...and he is correcting. Otherwise, any issues from your standpoint?

If asked would say this is the result of our and DEQ's work with the city for the last number of weeks, as we continue to assist on the water issue where we can..

You may get other questions about uses of money, etc.

From: Jason Lorenz [mailto:jlorenz@cityofflint.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 9:38 AM

To: Gerald Ambrose

Cc: Howard Croft; Dayne Walling; Natasha Henderson; Elizabeth Murphy; Kelly Rossman-McKinney; Peter Bade;

Workman, Wayne (TREASURY); Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Bulger, Harold W., Jr.

Subject: Re: Draft release - restructuring of DWRF bonds

All,

I have corrected the numbers and made other small adjustments. Attached is the draft in our release format. Please review and advise.

Thanks,

-Jason Lorenz
Public Information Officer
City of Flint
(810) 237-2039
ilorenz@cityofflint.com

On Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 4:50 PM, Gerald Ambrose <gambrose@cityofflint.com> wrote:

We do not have to tie it to a specific project .. we will chose from among the items in the action plan we develop...

On Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 4:29 PM, Howard Croft < hcroft@cityofflint.com > wrote: Jerry,

I think you make the point in the letter but is of note that the DWRF loan was **specific to the water fund** and not sewer. Along that same line is whether or not we intend to tie the funds to a specific project like the \$2 million dollar grant from treasury where there is a direct measurable link from the action to the result.

On Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 3:45 PM, Gerald Ambrose <gambrose@cityofflint.com> wrote:

Attached for review and comment is a draft release regarding restructuring of the DWRF bonds. It is necessary for me to issue an order to do this, and it is still subject to Treasury approval. Treasury is waiting for the paperwork, so I am expecting approval. Timing is an issue because the restructuring affects debt service payments due April 1.

The plan is to sign the order tomorrow and get it to Treasury same day... so I see it as important to get our message out first.

Note that my discussions with Treasury have been towards freeing up funds for needed capital improvements. Not for reducing rates...

I am asking Jason/Kelly to get this to whomever else at the state should also review. I am copying Terry Stanton.

This needs to be ready for release early in the morning.

Please include Jason in responses regarding editorial comments. let me know if you have issues with substance or timing.

J

Howard Croft

Public Works Director City of Flint 1101 S. Saginaw Street Flint, MI 48502 PH# 810.766.7135 Ext. 2043 hcroft@cityofflint.com

Gerald Ambrose Emergency Manager



Dayne Walling Mayor

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For Immediate Release

Flint Emergency Manager Authorizes Bond Restructuring to Afford Additional \$2.24 Million toward Capital Improvements in Water

Flint, Michigan – February 25, 2015 – Flint Emergency Manager Jerry Ambrose today authorized a restructuring of four outstanding Drinking Water Supply Revenue bonds to allow postponing current principal payments in the total amount of \$2.24 million. This action will allow the \$2.24 million budgeted for debt service to be utilized for expenses associated with maintaining safety and improving quality of the Flint water supply. Approval of the State Treasurer is required before the restructuring can occur.

Flint has recently received a final report from Veolia, its water expert advisor, making a series of recommendations to maintain and improve the Flint water supply. These recommendations, along with other input as well as items identified in the City's current capital improvements plan, will be considered as the City develops and implements its action plan to maintain and improve the Flint water supply. Discussion on the development of the action plan will begin today, March 19, 2015 at the Water Advisory Committee meeting, scheduled to begin at 2:00 pm at the Flint Public Library.

The State of Michigan was instrumental in allowing the restructuring, as approvals are required by both the State Treasurer and the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. "At all levels, the State of Michigan has been most cooperative in assisting the City of Flint as it addresses the many issues confronting the Flint water system", said Ambrose. "Access to \$2.24 million at this time will be very helpful in

Gerald Ambrose Emergency Manager



Dayne Walling Mayor

moving forward with our action plan."

The proposed restructuring will free up funds to enable the City to more quickly begin implementing recommended improvements to its water treatment and distribution system. Several recommendations for improvement are currently unbudgeted, and the \$2.24 million will help assure that the most important can be performed.

Recommendations to be considered include the addition of a Granulated Activated Carbon Filter, estimated at as much as \$1.5 million; acceleration of the repair and replacement of values, estimated at an additional \$120,000 annually; additional pipeline replacement, estimated at \$1 million per mile; and acceleration of the project to automate plant operations, estimated at \$450,000. \$1.315 million will become available in the City's current fiscal year, and the remaining \$925,000 will be available in the next fiscal year.

The bonds are currently financed at a rate of 2.5%, and postponement of the principal payment will incur some additional interest expense over the life of the issue. Interest costs will increase by approximately 2.5% (\$228,000) over the 20 year life of the issues.

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From: Ronald Fonger < RFONGER1@mlive.com > Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 2:50 PM To: Murray, David (GOV) Re: revolving water loan forgiveness Subject: Ok thanks Sent from my iPhone > On Mar 20, 2015, at 2:48 PM, Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov > wrote: > Ron, with the Gov now. Will send a statement when back in the office. > Sent from my iPhone > On Mar 20, 2015, at 2:43 PM, Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com<mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com>> wrote: > Dave: > First, I confess I did it again (sent this to your MLive address this morning). I was checking to see if your office will comment for this follow-up story. > Sorry for resending this so late in the day. I just realized it. > Ron Fonger > MLive Media Group > Reporter > > mobile > email rfonger1@mlive.com<mailto:rfonger1@mlive.com> > address 540 S. Saginaw St. #101, Flint MI 48502 > > > > From: Ronald Fonger > Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 10:34 AM > To: 'Murray, David' > Subject: revolving water loan forgiveness > > Dave: > We wrote a story Thursday about Jerry Ambrose restructuring bond repayments to free up money for water system work. > I had a chance to talk to the mayor later and am working on a follow-up. He says he wants loan forgiveness rather than restructuring, and recalled that he requested that in his letter to the governor. > Is loan forgiveness for all or part of Flint's revolving water loans being considered? > Thanks, >

From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury) **Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 2:58 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: revolving water loan forgiveness

No problem sir!

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 2:53 PM **To:** Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Subject: Re: revolving water loan forgiveness

Thank you very much!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2015, at 2:52 PM, Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury) < Stanton T@michigan.gov > wrote:

As I recalled...legally, we have no authority to do that, and we have told the city that.

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 2:46 PM **To:** Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Subject: Fwd: revolving water loan forgiveness

Hi Terry,

Ron's asking about Flint loan forgiveness. I can tell about the grants, other things we are doing and can pivot. But just so I know, is loan forgiveness a possibility?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ronald Fonger < RFONGER1@mlive.com > Date: March 20, 2015 at 2:43:19 PM EDT

To: "Murray, David (GOV) (MurrayD1@michigan.gov)" < MurrayD1@michigan.gov>

Subject: FW: revolving water loan forgiveness

Dave:

First, I confess I did it again (sent this to your MLive address this morning). I was checking to see if your office will comment for this follow-up story. Sorry for resending this so late in the day. I just realized it.

Ron Fonger

MLive Media Group Reporter mobile email <u>rfonger1@mlive.com</u> address 540 S. Saginaw St. #101, Flint MI 48502

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Ambrose restructuring:

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/03/flint_emergency_manager_oks_re_.html

Walling letter:

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/01/flint mayor asks governor for.ht ml

Ron Fonger

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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 2:35 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: NY Times bit on Flint Water

And the young woman who spends \$400 a month on bottled water (?!?) is a marketing pro...

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 2:32 PM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Subject: RE: NY Times bit on Flint Water

The guy in the story with the beard is a former co-worker at the Flint Journal.

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 2:23 PM **To:** Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV) **Subject:** NY Times bit on Flint Water

In case you missed it...

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/25/us/a-water-dilemma-in-michigan-cheaper-or-clearer.html?ref=topics&_r=0

Brad Wurfel Communications Director Michigan Department of Environmental Quality 517-284-6713

A Water Dilemma in Michigan: Cloudy or Costly?

By MITCH SMITHMARCH 24, 2015

Inside Photo



Vernon White over the Flint River, which replaced Lake Huron as the water source in Flint, Mich. Mr. White says he buys soda to avoid the water. Credit Joshua Lott for The New York Times

FLINT, Mich. — Depending on the day, Melissa Mays says, the water flowing out of her home's faucets might have a blue tint. Or it might smell like mothballs. Or it might fill her home with the scent of an overchlorinated swimming pool.

Lately, Ms. Mays, who is 36 and works in marketing, has not been turning on her tap much at all. After Flint changed the source of its drinking water last spring, Ms. Mays said, she noticed a change in the water's color and odor. Then she started having <u>rashes</u>, and clumps of her hair fell out. When the city issued a boil order, she stopped using the water for drinking and cooking. Now her family spends roughly \$400 a month on bottled water.

"My cat gets bottled water, our plants get bottled water, our fish gets bottled water," said Ms. Mays, who has helped organize marches to protest the water conditions and is on a city commission seeking input on how to move forward. "It takes four to five bottles of water to fill up a pot for spaghetti."

Flint officials insist that the city's water is safe. They say that the issues of odor and color are separate from the question of whether the water meets federal standards, and that no link to health problems has been proved.

Photo



Tony Palladeno Jr., escorted from a water advisory committee meeting for outbursts, says that the water in this bottle came out of his tap in January. Credit Joshua Lott for The New York Times

"We understand the concerns about discoloration and odors," said Gerald Ambrose, Flint's state-appointed emergency manager. "We tell everyone who complains that we would be more than happy to come out to their house and test their water."

Mr. Ambrose's position hints at deeper issues in Flint. Though the city has not declared bankruptcy, it has been in state receivership since 2011 and has deep-seated financial problems, which Mr. Ambrose was appointed to help untangle. Add to that a plummeting population and violent crime rates that rank among the nation's worst, and the water question becomes one <u>headache</u> among many.

The problems, almost everyone agrees, started shortly after the city, in an effort to save money, switched from the supply of treated Lake Huron water it had long purchased from Detroit and started drawing water from the Flint River, treating it locally.

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On Monday, Flint's City Council voted to "do all things necessary" to reconnect to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Mr. Ambrose's response was swift. Flint water today is safe by all federal and state standards, he said in a statement Tuesday. "Water from Detroit is no safer than water from Flint," he said.

"Users also pay some of the highest rates in the state because of the decreased numbers of users and the age of the system."

A sign downtown still refers to Flint as Vehicle City. Older residents recall growing up in a place that 200,000 people called home, where good-paying jobs in the General Motors factories were plentiful. Today, many of the auto plants are gone, the population is below 100,000, and once-prosperous neighborhoods are dotted with abandoned homes and vacant lots.

Photo



Tim Bednarski checking water at the treatment plant. Flint has increased chemical monitoring and hired a consulting firm to suggest improvements. Credit Joshua Lott for The New York Times

As Flint has shrunk, its network of water pipes built for a much larger metropolis has deteriorated. With fewer customers, water sometimes languishes in the system, becoming discolored. Moreover, water bills in Flint are far higher than those in neighboring communities. Officials say the switch away from Detroit water saves the city \$12 million a year.

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"It's a very sore point, particularly when you have a population with a high degree of low-income folks," Mr. Ambrose said. "To me, the conversation we need to be having is, how do we lower those rates?"

Some residents say they would rather not debate the cost until they are confident that the water is safe. When fecal coliform bacteria showed up in parts of the city last summer, residents were told to boil their water before using it. Officials addressed the issue by pumping extra chlorine into the system, but in solving one problem, they created another.

The high chlorine levels led to elevated levels of total trihalomethanes or T.T.H.M., which required another public notice in January. Residents will again receive a notice of elevated T.T.H.M. levels in the mail later this month, Mayor Dayne Walling has said. Long-term consumption of water with high T.T.H.M. levels can lead to liver or kidney troubles and an increased risk of <u>cancer</u>, according to the <u>Environmental Protection Agency</u>.

Some here say Flint had been on the verge of a rebound when the water problems started. The walkable downtown area, just steps from the University of Michigan's campus here, is now home to the Flint Crepe Company and other new restaurants. And perhaps most significant, the emergency manager was expected to leave office in the coming weeks, handing power back to the elected mayor and City Council.



Melissa Mays said that after Flint changed its water source last spring, she developed rashes and clumps of her hair fell out. Credit Joshua Lott for The New York Times

"We continue to deal with a number of longstanding challenges with concentrated poverty and high crime and expensive, old infrastructure," said Mr. Walling, a Flint native who returned to his hometown after studying at Oxford as a Rhodes scholar. "But we're now 30 years past the major General Motors plant closings in the 1980s, and people are ready to move forward, so the new problems with water have been a huge setback." Mr. Walling said he and his family drank city water.

Mr. Walling and Mr. Ambrose conceded that communication should have been better when water problems emerged. But they say the city is reaching out to residents and answering questions. Officials installed a

T.T.H.M. monitor at the treatment plant and hired a consulting firm to suggest improvements there, and they have asked state and federal officials for help. They also note that the switch to the Flint River is not permanent. A new pipeline connecting Flint to Lake Huron is expected to be completed next year.

Many in Flint, though, seem unconvinced. Saterra Hill, 17, a health sciences major at the University of Michigan-Flint, said she and her father purchased several gallon jugs of water each month instead of drinking tap water. Vernon White, 57, said he often bought soda to avoid the water.

For many, the water issue stirs emotions. On a recent weekday afternoon, dozens of people filled the basement of the city's transportation center for a meeting of a water advisory committee.

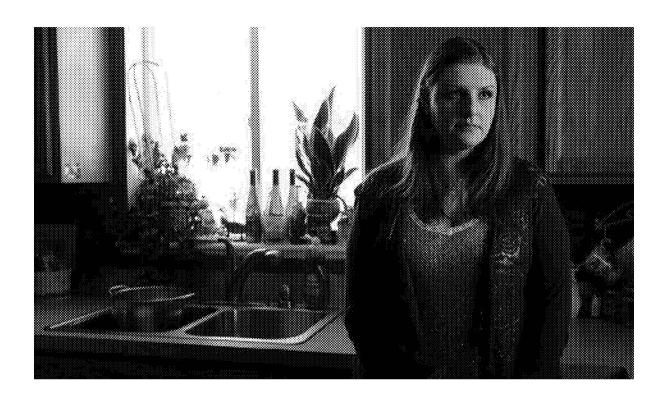
Tony Palladeno Jr., who arrived at the meeting in a red Flint baseball cap, was escorted out by a police officer for repeated outbursts. Mr. Palladeno, 53, keeps a bottle of yellowish water with a layer of sediment that he said came out of his tap in January. He said local officials had not acted quickly enough to fix the problems.

"I don't feel hopeful," Mr. Palladeno said. "At one time, I loved this town. I still love it. There's good people here. But the governing is killing us. I think we need a federal intervention."









From: Stephen Carmody <sgcarmod@umich.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 12:38 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Re: News media request for comment

Thanks David

On Tue, Apr 7, 2015 at 12:37 PM, Murray, David (GOV) < <u>MurrayD1@michigan.gov</u>> wrote:

The councilman's comments are unrelated to any decision on a potential transition.

From: Stephen Carmody [mailto:sgcarmod@umich.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 12:37 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Re: News media request for comment

Any comment on how Davis' comments could affect the appointment of a transition advisory board?

On Tue, Apr 7, 2015 at 12:34 PM, Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov > wrote:

Steve, I trust that you are defining genocide so listeners and readers are aware of what the governor is being accused of.

Our statement, which you can attribute to me:

It's unfortunate that the councilman made such incendiary and inaccurate remarks. The governor believes all Michigan residents need and deserve safe, clean water. Today, Flint's water system is producing water that meets all state and federal standards. The state continues working with city leaders to help with the city's water infrastructure challenges, which were decades in the making. That assistance includes \$2 million in grants to help with pipeline leaks and other issues, which will allow the city to prioritize its repairs — part of a long-term solution to the city's needs.

Dave

From: Stephen Carmody [mailto:sgcarmod@umich.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 12:01 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV) Subject: News media request for comment
David,
I'm working on a story about the Flint councilman's "genocide" accusation against the governor.
what's the governor's reaction to the comment? and, could it affect the governor's decision to allow the city to move from an emergency manager to a transition advisory committe?
Steve Carmody
Michigan Radio

From: Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 12:00 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV) **Subject:** flint loan forgiveness

Hi Dave:

I'm working on a story about Congressman Kildee asking the U.S. EPA for clarification as to whether the city of Flint's loans issued under the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund are eligible for forgiveness.

Kildee's office is expected to issue a news release later today but I just spoke to him and will be posting a story about this this afternoon.

Kildee specifically is asking the EPA about two provisions in federal law that he says could potentially allow for loan forgiveness for a "disadvantaged community."

Does your office want to comment? I'm specifically interested in whether the governor would consider loan forgiveness if the EPA says the loans are eligible for that.

Thanks,

Ron Fonger

MLive Media Group Reporter

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From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 2:31 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Subject: FW: PRESS RELEASE: Flint Water Improvements

Attachments: Flint Water Improvements 2015.pdf

FYI

From: Jason Lorenz [mailto:jlorenz@cityofflint.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 12:04 PM

Subject: PRESS RELEASE: Flint Water Improvements

For Immediate Release

City of Flint Announces Action Plan to Maintain Safety and Improve Quality of Flint Water

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In addition to the installation of the GAC, the City of Flint is undertaking a number of other improvements to the water system in the coming months, including a water leak detection monitoring, completion of the hydraulic model and subsequent targeted hydrant flushing program, and the replacement of two miles of water main pipe in a critical area of the city. All of these improvements scheduled to occur within the next six months.

"The replacement of this two mile section of pipe along Dupont Street has been identified by a water reliability study as a significant piece of infrastructure and will greatly improve the movement of water in that area of the

city," said Dept. of Public Works Director Howard Croft. Increasing the circulation of the water in the system will immediately result in improvements in water aesthetics, such as discoloration and odor. The MDEQ has given its approval to the project and the process of bidding for construction will begin next week. Construction will take place during the summer of this year.

Ongoing repairs and maintenance also continue to improve the health of the system. To date, about 200 water main breaks have been repaired this year. Whenever major work that may disrupt service is scheduled, the City works to notify residents in the affected area with signage and with posts to <u>cityofflint.com</u>. Updates will include the area of work and the estimated time of completion.

Each main break repair stirs sediments in the line. "Residents should know that there is a chance of discoloration or odor any time work is being done on a main in their area," said Croft. "This is nothing to be alarmed about and it doesn't mean the water is unsafe." If discoloration of water or odor occurs due to repairs, residents are reminded that running the water for a few minutes should clear the line. Anyone with water questions should call 810-787-6537.

The City of Flint remains committed to addressing water related issues. Along with maintaining the safety of the water, addressing quality and affordability are top priorities. The steps outlined above are indicators of the City's progress in addressing the most pressing concerns surrounding water. Emergency Manager Ambrose reiterated that development of a contract with DWSD was not going to happen.

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Further updates on the progress being made to improve Flint's water system will released in regular updates to the media and in updates to the City's website, <u>cityofflint.com</u>. Anyone wishing to report an issue can do so under "Online Services". Anyone with questions about these or any other water issues should call the water treatment plant at 810-787-6537.

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-Jason Lorenz Public Information Officer City of Flint (810) 237-2039 jlorenz@cityofflint.com Gerald Ambrose Emergency Manager



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From: Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 11:52 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: u.s. epa

Hi Dave:

Just wondering if you have any information about the decision of the U.S. EPA on the issue of the possible forgiveness for Flint's water loans.

I've also reached out to Congressman Kildee's office on the same subject but haven't heard back yet. Thanks,

Ron Fonger

MLive Media Group Reporter

email rfonger1@mlive.com address 540 S. Saginaw St. #101, Flint MI 48502

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 7:51 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV) **Subject:** Fwd: This just in

Attachments: Flint emails.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Here's the documentation about Flint turning down an SRF loan with 50 percent principal forgiveness a few years ago. Gave it to MI radio today, on request.

Just in case it comes up.

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" < Wurfel B@michigan.gov>

Date: April 17, 2015 at 2:35:09 PM EDT **To:** Lindsey Smith < <u>lmsmi@umich.edu</u>>

Subject: Fwd: This just in

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Butler, Sonya (DEQ)" < BUTLERS2@michigan.gov>

Date: April 17, 2015 at 2:19:07 PM EDT

To: "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" < WurfelB@michigan.gov>

Cc: "Sygo, Jim (DEQ)" <SygoJ@michigan.gov>, "Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ)"

<DEVEREAUXT@michigan.gov>, "Winegar, Carla (DEQ)"

< WINEGARC@michigan.gov>, "Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)"

SHEKTERL@michigan gov> Subject: RE: This just in

Brad

The initial Drinking Water Revolving Loan project plan was received May 1, 2009. The project plan outlines the deficiencies in the system that the community wants to address with the funding. Funding (\$13M) was offered to Flint in fiscal year 2012 as noted in the email dated September 29, 2011. The email dated May 24, 2012 shows Flint declining the funding. The emails are in the attached document. Let me know if you need anything else.

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From: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ) Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 12:35 PM **To:** Butler, Sonya (DEQ)

Cc: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Sygo, Jim (DEQ); Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ); Winegar, Carla

(DEQ)

Subject: FW: This just in

Sonya - could you please respond to Brad? Thanks.

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 11:33 AM **To:** Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ) **Subject:** FW: This just in

Need some details / documentation on the loan Flint turned down a few years back. Help?

From: Lindsey Smith [mailto:lmsmi@umich.edu]

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 11:08 AM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) **Subject:** Re: This just in

What are the chances I could get some documentation about the 2009 loan that offered 50% forgiveness you mentioned? Was there an application? An approval letter or anything like that? Carmody asked Kildee about it this morning, so I'm writing something for this afternoon. Best~

White, Valorie (DEQ)

From: Rick Freeman [RFreeman@rowepsc.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 1:07 PM

To: White, Valorie (DEQ)

Cc: Prysby, Mike (DEQ); Howard Croft; Gerald Ambrose; Daugherty Johnson; Robert Bincsik; Brent

Wright; Jeff Markstrom; Dean Oparka

Subject: RE: City of Flint DWRF Application Part 1

Valorie/Mike:

This email is to inform you that the City of Flint has decided not pursue DWRF funding for Project No. 7310-01 for Fiscal Year 2012. Due to the current financial situation that exists in Flint, it is believed that it would not be feasible to pursue the bonding necessary to complete these projects.

We appreciate all the help and support that the MDEQ has given on developing these projects through this program.

The City of Flint hopes that we will be able to reconsider these projects under this or another program for funding in the future.

If you have any questions/concerns or need any additional information from the City of Flint please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Rick Freeman, P.E. City Engineer



City of Flint 1101 S. Saginaw St. Flint, MI 48502

From: White, Valorie (DEQ) [mailto:WHITEV1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 11:50 AM

To: Rick Freeman **Cc:** Prysby, Mike (DEQ)

Subject: RE: City of Flint DWRF Application Part 1

Rick,

We can accept an electronic copy, as a place holder, with the original document to follow in the mail. However, the electronic copy must be signed and in my email by close of business today. Good luck.

Valorie White Project Manager DEQ RMD Revolving Loan Section Phone: (517) 335-7267 Fax: (517) 335-0743 whitev1@michigan.gov

From: Rick Freeman [mailto:RFreeman@rowepsc.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 11:15 AM

To: White, Valorie (DEQ) Cc: Prysby, Mike (DEQ)

Subject: City of Flint DWRF Application Part 1

Valorie,

I am working with Jeff Markstrom in pulling the information needed to complete the application referenced above.

Will we be able to email the application to you today to meet the deadline and follow up via mail the original document?

We are have difficulties in getting time with the Emergency Financial Manager, Mike Brown, for him to sign and get this out the door.

Before he signs he has to get State Treasury approval.

We are working our best to get this to you under the deadline.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Worthington, David (DEQ)

From: Worthington, David (DEQ)

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 8:49 AM

To: 'Jeff Markstrom'

Subject: Flint Subsidy Projections

Jeff:

In reply to your question for the city of Flint DWRF, below is the direct quote I got from Sonya Butler, our program chief:

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David

Using the final PPL amounts, the GPR totals \$13,022,000 in the fundable range. Half of the \$13 million would be eligible for principal forgiveness (\$6,511,000). Yet our GPR goal is \$5,721,600. Our expectation is that Northville would be the project that would not receive 50% of their total GPR amount on the IUP. This leaves the remaining amount, \$6,650,619, of principal forgiveness for Flint from the \$13 million. This is my preference & the cleanest way to calculate how much Flint receives.

If Flint wants to keep the same amount of work in FY12 & split it up in different quarters, we can keep with the above scenario & fund pieces of the work at 50%. If Flint reduces the amount of work they want to do, then the principal forgiveness amount may change.

Keep in mind that all PPL amounts are estimates so if the other fundable projects come in under bid, there's a potential that Flint could get more money. I hope this all makes sense, if not let me know.

As you can see, it is complicated but the outlook for a subsidy in the neighborhood of 50% (or even more) principal forgiveness seems pretty good.

Keep me in touch with how the city wants to proceed for a schedule (s) in FY 12.
Thanks,

David J Worthington, Project Manager Department of Environmental Quality Resource Management Division Revolving Loan Section (517) 373-4728: phone (517) 335-0743: fax worthingtond@michigan.gov

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From: Doug Moiles <Doug.Moiles@wnem.com>

Sent: Monday, April 20, 2015 10:45 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Governor's office response to Rep. Kildee

Dave/Communications Staff,

I understand that the Governor's office has responded or is prepared to respond to a request from Rep. Dan Kildee regarding the forgiveness of a number of loans to improve Flint's water system.

If the Governor's office has prepared a response, we respectfully request we be forwarded that response.

Thanks, Doug Moiles

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From: Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 5:13 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: aclu video

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email rfonger1@mlive.com address 540 S. Saginaw St. #101, Flint MI 48502 From: Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 10:48 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: aclu video

Thanks Dave.

I'd be glad to include any specifics instances of the inaccuracies if you point them out.

Thanks for your help,

Ron Fonger

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email rfonger1@mlive.com address 540 S. Saginaw St. #101, Flint MI 48502

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 5:32 PM

To: Ronald Fonger **Subject:** RE: aclu video

Hi Ron. I trust that you are pointing out the many inaccuracies and extreme hyperbole in that video. I can give you a statement:

"Gov. Snyder believes all Michigan residents need and deserve safe, clean water, and the state government has worked closely with Flint leaders to help them with their water infrastructure challenges, which were decades in the making. That assistance includes \$2 million in grants to help with pipeline leaks and other issues, which allow the city to prioritize its repairs, replacing pipes. That's part of a long-term solution to the city's needs."

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Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 11:40 AM **To:** Murray, David (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV)

Subject: All heck breaking loose

As I mentioned at PIO yesterday, this is the shape of the unleashed heck this week on Flint drinking water.

From: Ronald Fonger [mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com] **Sent:** Wednesday, September 02, 2015 11:34 AM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Cc: Kristin Longley; Bryn Mickle **Subject:** lead in flint water

Brad:

I left a message with Mike Prysby on Tuesday, Sept. 1, but wanted to reach out to you also because of stories we are working on about the extent to which lead is becoming an issue in Flint drinking water.

Today, Sept. 2, researchers at Virginia Tech posted the results on an experiment with Flint water online. The report concludes that Flint River water leaches much more lead from plumbing than does Detroit.

"On average, Detroit water is 12 times (or 12X) less corrosive than the Flint River water currently in use ... This is creating a public health threat in some Flint homes that have lead pipe or lead solder," the report says.

An earlier post by the same researchers says that initial water tests show "a serious lead in water problem" in Flint, partly because Flint River water is so corrosive to pipes.

Given the state's role in oversight of the city's drinking water system through DEQ and its overall oversight by state emergency managers during the past several years, I wanted to make sure I'm reaching out to the right person to respond to this information.

Could you let me know who that is?

I expect to post the first story about the experiment today and expect the issue will be getting more attention as the VT study of 300 water test kits from Flint is completed.

Thanks,

Ron Fonger

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email rfonger1@mlive.com address 540 S. Saginaw St. #101, Flint MI 48502 **From:** GOV Newsroom

Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 10:09 AM

To: GOV Newsroom **Subject:** 9/3 Newsroom

Attachments: 150903 Newsroom.docx



Thursday, September 3, 2015
NEWS (Click the link to read the full article)

GOVERNOR'S ACTIVITIES

Sexual assault kits press conference

Worthy: \$10 million needed to advance rape kit cases (Detroit News)

Michigan law enforcement authorities need \$10 million to help deliver justice for at least 1,350 sexual assault victims whose cases languished for years in a Detroit police storage facility, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said Wednesday.

Detroit clears massive backing of untested rape kits (Freep)

Detroit's huge backlog of untested rape kits has been cleared, with nearly all of the more than 11,000 kits discovered in a police storage facility in 2009 now tested, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder said at a news conference Wednesday.

Prosecutor: 10,000 untested Detroit rape kits now processed (WDIV)

Testing has been completed by the Michigan State Police on more than 10,000 sexual assault kits found in a Detroit police property storage facility. Gov. Rick Snyder and Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy say the next phase of the process is investigating and prosecuting rape cases associated with the kits.

Governor Snyder Addresses Issue of Sexual Assault Kits (9&10 News)

Governor Rick Snyder touched on the issue of sexual assault Wednesday afternoon. He said he plans to stay on top of the issue on college and university campuses. He made the comments at an event Wednesday, giving an update on the status of untested sexual assault kits found in 2009

Governor Rick Snyder: 10K rape kits from Detroit have been tested (WXYZ)

Michigan Governor Rick Snyder says 10,000 rape kits from Detroit have been tested. Snyder was joined by Michigan State Police, Wayne County Prosecutor Kim Worthy and other sexual violence prevention groups.

Backlogged rape kits in Detroit head for further investigation (Reuters)

Most of the 11,000 rape-evidence kits left languishing in a Detroit warehouse have been analyzed since they turned up

several years ago, with DNA matches leading to further investigation in 35 states, Michigan's governor said on Wednesday.

State officials say rape kit backlog almost cleared (Michigan Radio)

Officials say a backlog of more than 11,000 untested rape kits found in an abandoned Detroit crime lab is almost cleared. In some instances, the cases go back more than three decades. But, some victims will still have to wait years for justice. The untested rape kits were discovered six years ago. A combined state, local and private sector effort was launched to clear the backlog.

Testing complete on more than 10,000 abandoned rape kits in Detroit (AP)

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State police finish testing 10,000+ shelved rape kits (Fox 17)

Gov. Rick Snyder announced Wednesday that Michigan State Police have finished testing more than 10,000 rape kits that were found in a Detroit warehouse more than five years ago. The Detroit Police Department evidence kits were found in 2009. Of the 10,087 that were tested, 2,616 of them were linked to the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), according to a release from the governor's office.

Chinese investment

Chinese company to invest nearly \$26 million in Northville Township facility (Oakland Press)

A Chinese bearing manufacturer is investing nearly \$26 million to establish a new U.S. headquarters and technical center in Northville Township, creating 125 jobs, Gov. Rick Snyder announced Monday.

Courser/Gamrat

Snyder Staying Out of Sex Scandal (WILX)

After Monday's report that showed Representatives Courser and Gamrat used taxpayer dollars to cover up their affair, Governor Snyder's keeping his mouth shut on whether or not they should resign. He says it's the House's responsibility to decide whether or not to expel the Representatives.

Why Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder isn't publicly calling for Reps. Courser, Gamrat to resign (Mlive)

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, unlike some other top Republicans, has not publicly called on GOP state Reps. Todd Courser and Cindy Gamrat to resign over allegations that they misused state resources to hide their extra-marital affair. And the governor, speaking with reporters on Wednesday afternoon, made clear he does not plan to weigh in at this time.

Flags lowered

Mary Lou Parks, Who Served In Michigan House, Dies At 79 (AP)

Former state Rep. Mary Lou Parks, who served six years in the Michigan House representing Detroit, has died. She was 79. Swanson Funeral Home, which is handling arrangements, says Parks died Aug. 23 and details on cause of death weren't released.

Miscellaneous

Kasich talks small government, praises Snyder in Michigan trip (Michigan Daily)

Kasich said he felt a responsibility to help Ohio when he ran for governor, and related his experience with that of Snyder's. "I went in (in Ohio), and we were really just like Governor Snyder, we really were in a deep hole, 20 percent of our operating budget, and so I took on the same approach (as Snyder)," he said.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

AG

Michigan's "Clean Power Plan" could go forward despite knee-jerk, anti-Obama actions (Michigan Radio)

Some days I find myself wishing President Obama would make a speech honoring motherhood and propose a program to honor mothers.

DMVA

Seven member of Congress tour Michigan military bases (MLive)

A U.S. senator and six House representatives visited Selfridge Air National Guard Base on Wednesday.

Seven U.S. Congressional members begin tour of Michigan military bases (Detroit News)

Member of Congress visit Selfridge (127th Wing Public Affairs)

In an historic visit, seven members of Congress toured Selfridge Air National Guard Base today, gaining insight into the diverse missions, capabilities and the future potential of the base.

Michigan's Congressional delegation tours military sites (Macomb Daily)

Seven members of Michigan's Congressional delegation on Wednesday had a unique boots-on-the-ground look at two major military facilities in Macomb County.

Michigan Congress members visit Selfridge Air National Guard Base (Detroit Free Press)

DNR

Wichigan gets \$951K grant to expand hunting program (Detroit Free Press)

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has received federal funding to expand a program that pays private owners to let the public use their land for hunting.

Endangered bird numbers rise (AP)

State wildlife officials report prospects are improving for two of Michigan's endangered bird species.

Let's get the facts straight on Chronic Wasting disease (LSJ)

Jill Fritz with the Humane Society of the United States recently voiced her opinions about the privately owned deer ranches and their role regarding chronic wasting disease in Michigan. While I respect each person's right to voice their opinion, I take issue with nearly every aspect of her editorial. The best course of action to prevent further spread of CWD in Michigan clearly must be based on facts and science. Let's take a look at the bullet points from Ms. Fritz' viewpoint and see if they are science based, or simply fear-mongering meant to advance the anti-hunting agenda of HSUS.

State needs smart long-term planning for public land (Detroit Free Press)

A recent column by state Sens. Tom Casperson and Darwin Booher advocating for bills that would change regulation of state-managed public land raises an important issue for Michigan citizens.

Black bear back in Michigan (WSJM)

The bear that passed through southwest Michigan this spring and early summer has returned to Michigan after an excursion into Indiana.

DEQ

If you dump trash in recycling bins, 'We're going to start fining you \$250' (MLive)

There is recyclable material in the photograph above. But it won't get recycled. Instead, it's headed to a landfill or incinerator to be dumped along with the trash mixed in with it.

Lead leaches into 'very corrosive' Flint drinking water, researchers say (MLive)

lint drinking water is "very corrosive" and "causing lead contamination in homes," researchers from Virginia Tech University reported online Wednesday, Sept. 2.

DHHS

Michigan approves \$89.5M for energy assistance program (AP)

The state has approved Michigan Energy Assistance Program grants totaling \$89.5 million for 13 organizations to help low-income residents.

MDARD

'Skimmer' found inside gas pump in Mundy Township (ABC 12)

A device designed to steal credit card information has been found in Mid-Michigan. An inspector from the Michigan Department of Agriculture was checking gas pumps at the Mobile station on West Hill Road near US-23, in Mundy Township, when he found what is known as a "skimmer."

Authorities search for suspects behind credit card 'skimmers' (WOOD TV)

As the number of electronic skimming devices found hidden inside gas pumps increases, the Michigan Department of Agriculture has launched a statewide blitz, checking pumps for the devices before they do too much damage.

State says to watch for invasive beetle on Michigan's doorstep (C&G)

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Sexual assault kits press conference

Worthy: \$10 million needed to advance rape kit cases (Detroit News)

Michigan law enforcement authorities need \$10 million to help deliver justice for at least 1,350 sexual assault victims whose cases languished for years in a Detroit police storage facility, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said Wednesday.

Detroit clears massive backlog of untested rape kits (Freep)

Detroit's huge backlog of untested rape kits has been cleared, with nearly all of the more than 11,000 kits discovered in a police storage facility in 2009 now tested, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder said at a news conference Wednesday.

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Governor Snyder Addresses Issue of Sexual Assault Kits (9&10 News)

Governor Rick Snyder touched on the issue of sexual assault Wednesday afternoon. He said he plans to stay on top of the issue on college and university campuses. He made the comments at an event Wednesday, giving an update on the status of untested sexual assault kits found in 2009

Governor Rick Snyder: 10K rape kits from Detroit have been tested (WXYZ)

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Backlogged rape kits in Detroit head for further investigation (Reuters)

Most of the 11,000 rape-evidence kits left languishing in a Detroit warehouse have been analyzed since they turned up several years ago, with DNA matches leading to further investigation in 35 states, Michigan's governor said on Wednesday.

State officials say rape kit backlog almost cleared (Michigan Radio)

Officials say a backlog of more than 11,000 untested rape kits found in an abandoned Detroit crime lab is almost cleared. In some instances, the cases go back more than three decades. But, some victims will still have to wait years for justice. The untested rape kits were discovered six years ago. A combined state, local and private sector effort was launched to clear the backlog.

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State police finish testing 10,000+ shelved rape kits (Fox 17)

Gov. Rick Snyder announced Wednesday that Michigan State Police have finished testing more than 10,000 rape kits that were found in a Detroit warehouse more than five years ago. The Detroit Police Department evidence kits were found in 2009. Of the 10,087 that were tested, 2,616 of them were linked to the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), according to a release from the governor's office.

Chinese investment

<u>Chinese company to invest nearly \$26 million in Northville Township facility</u> (Oakland Press)

A Chinese bearing manufacturer is investing nearly \$26 million to establish a new U.S. headquarters and technical center in Northville Township, creating 125 jobs, Gov. Rick Snyder announced Monday.

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Snyder Staying Out of Sex Scandal (WILX)

After Monday's report that showed Representatives Courser and Gamrat used taxpayer dollars to cover up their affair, Governor Snyder's keeping his mouth shut on whether or not they should resign. He says it's the House's responsibility to decide whether or not to expel the Representatives.

Why Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder isn't publicly calling for Reps. Courser, Gamrat to resign (Mlive)

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, unlike some other top Republicans, has not publicly called on GOP state Reps. Todd Courser and Cindy Gamrat to resign over allegations that they misused state resources to hide their extra-marital affair. And the governor, speaking with reporters on Wednesday afternoon, made clear he does not plan to weigh in at this time.

Flags lowered

Mary Lou Parks, Who Served In Michigan House, Dies At 79 (AP)

Former state Rep. Mary Lou Parks, who served six years in the Michigan House representing Detroit, has died. She was 79. Swanson Funeral Home, which is handling arrangements, says Parks died Aug. 23 and details on cause of death weren't released.

Miscellaneous

<u>Kasich talks small government, praises Snyder in Michigan trip</u> (Michigan Daily)

Kasich said he felt a responsibility to help Ohio when he ran for governor, and related his experience with that of Snyder's. "I went in (in Ohio), and we were really just like Governor Snyder, we really were in a deep hole, 20 percent of our operating budget, and so I took on the same approach (as Snyder)," he said.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

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DMVA

Seven member of Congress tour Michigan military bases (MLive)

A U.S. senator and six House representatives visited Selfridge Air National Guard Base on Wednesday.

Seven U.S. Congressional members begin tour of Michigan military bases (Detroit News)

Member of Congress visit Selfridge (127th Wing Public Affairs)

In an historic visit, seven members of Congress toured Selfridge Air National Guard Base today, gaining insight into the diverse missions, capabilities and the future potential of the base.

Michigan's Congressional delegation tours military sites (Macomb Daily)

Seven members of Michigan's Congressional delegation on Wednesday had a unique boots-on-the-ground look at two major military facilities in Macomb County.

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Michigan gets \$951K grant to expand hunting program (Detroit Free Press)

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has received federal funding to expand a program that pays private owners to let the public use their land for hunting.

Endangered bird numbers rise (AP)

State wildlife officials report prospects are improving for two of Michigan's endangered bird species.

Let's get the facts straight on Chronic Wasting disease (LSJ)

Jill Fritz with the Humane Society of the United States recently voiced her opinions about the privately owned deer ranches and their role regarding chronic wasting disease in Michigan. While I respect each person's right to voice their opinion, I take issue with nearly every aspect of her editorial. The best course of action to prevent further spread of CWD in Michigan clearly must be based on facts and science. Let's take a look at the bullet points from Ms. Fritz' viewpoint and see if they are science based, or simply fear-mongering meant to advance the anti-hunting agenda of HSUS.

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DEQ

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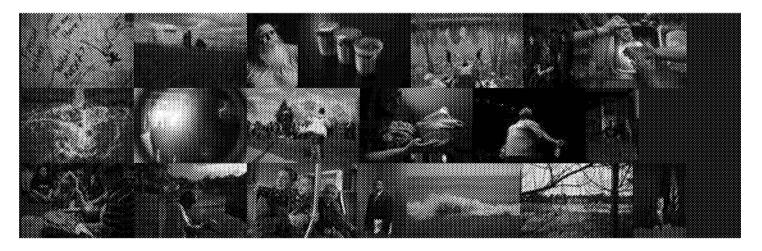
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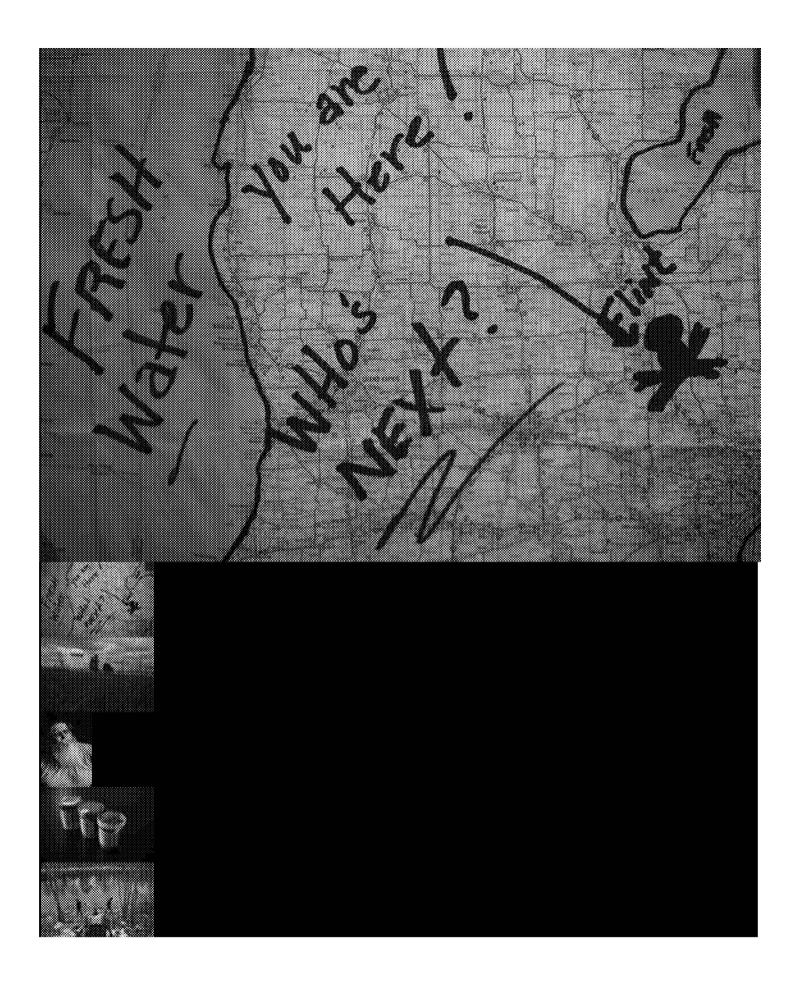
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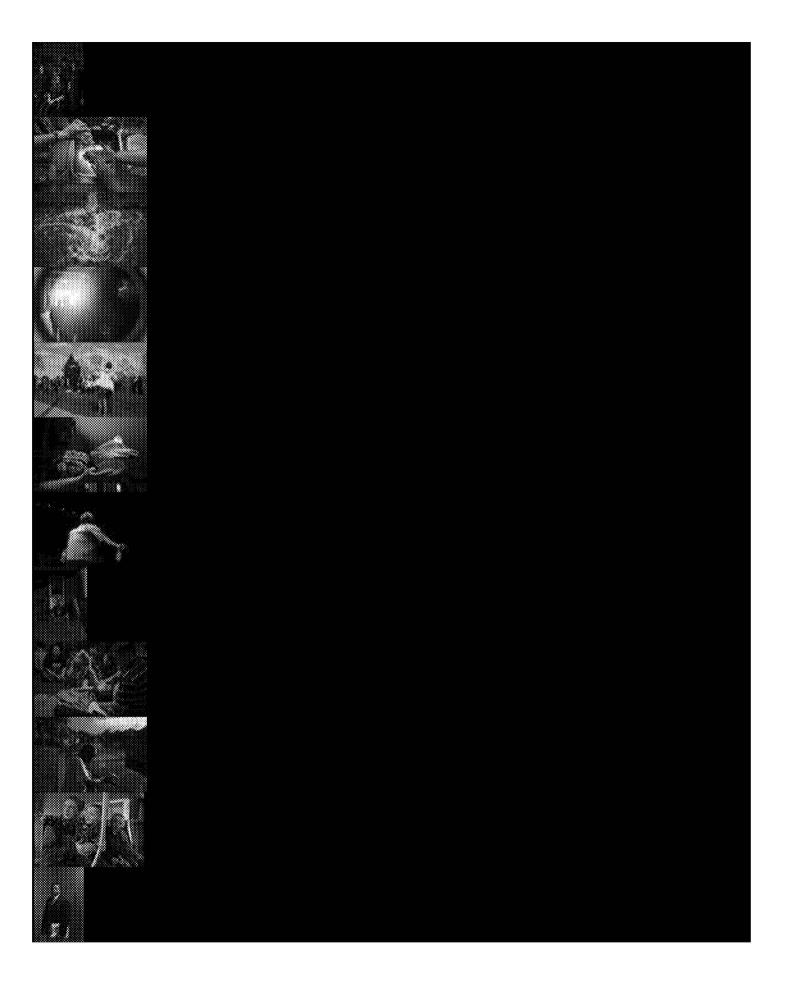
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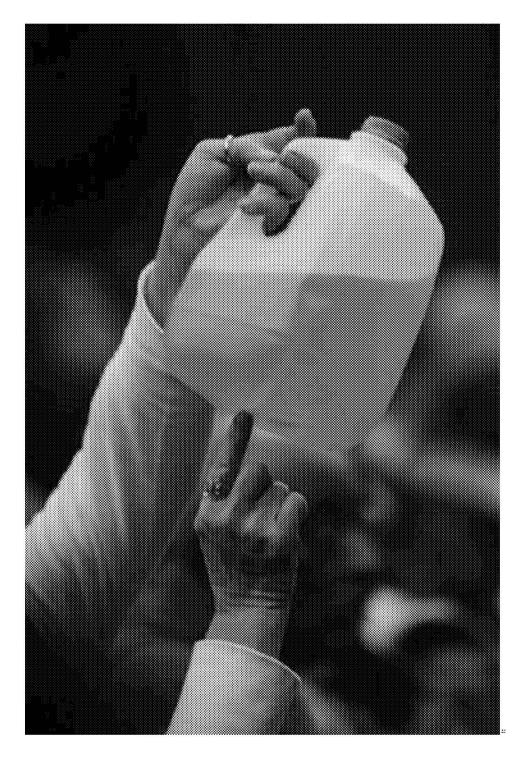
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"On a scientific basis, Flint River water leaches more lead from plumbing than does Detroit water," the report concludes. "This is creating a public health threat in some Flint homes that have lead pipe or lead solder."

The Virginia Tech report comes as students there, overseen by Professor Marc Edwards, are in the final days of testing water collected from 300 sample kits distributed to Flint residents.

On Monday, Aug. 31, the researchers reported 42 percent of 120 initial samples from Flint had lead levels that were more than 5 parts per billion, "which suggests a serious lead-in-water problem, according to our experience and criteria."

Virginia Tech was initially contacted by a Flint resident who had concerns about lead in Flint water. It has been working with citizen groups in Flint such as Water You Fighting For.

Twenty percent of the first samples also exceeded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency lead action limit of 15 ppb, the report said.

The EPA requires water systems like Flint's to collect tap samples from sites that are more likely to have plumbing materials containing lead.

If more than 10 percent of samples exceed 15 ppb, then water systems are required to take action, including steps to optimize corrosion control treatment.

Lead is a toxic metal that was used for many years in products found in and around homes, according to EPA.

"Even at low levels, lead may cause a range of health effects, including behavioral problems and learning disabilities," EPA's website says. "Children 6 years old and under are most at risk because this is when the brain is developing."

The Virginia Tech report on Flint River water comes two days after representatives of three organizations delivered more than 26,000 online petition signatures to Mayor Dayne Walling, demanding the city end its use of the Flint River and reconnect the city to the Detroit water system.

The petition language says high lead levels are one reason the city should no longer use the river as a drinking water source.

Walling and Department of Public Works Director Howard Croft issued statements in response to questions about lead in Flint water Wednesday after Croft declined to discuss the issue in a news conference Tuesday.

Flint spokesman Jason Lorenz said the two would not comment further Wednesday.

"The city of Flint is currently in compliance with the safety mandates of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and continues to work with them to stay in compliance with all safety and quality standards," Croft's statement said. "We have also been in constant contact with Virginia Tech, sharing information as it becomes available."

Walling, who has supported Flint's continued use of the Flint River as a drinking water source, said, "Lead can be a concern in communities with older public and private infrastructure.

"The city of Flint has offered free and independent testing to residents since spring, and I encourage people to use this service if they have questions," Walling's statement said.

Edwards, a professor of civil and environmental engineering, said the elevated lead levels he has seen in Flint tap water are tied to a corrosive water source that contains about eight times more chloride than Detroit water does.

"Chloride is generally considered to be very corrosive to iron. For instance, chloride present in road salts applied in the winter causes iron in cars and bridges to rust," the Virginia Tech team's website says.

"This could be a huge public health problem. ... The Flint water just ate the pipe up," Edwards said of the testing he has overseen so far.

In the testing, researchers took copper pipe pieces joined with lead solder inside them, according to the report, which says lead solder is probably present in plumbing systems of many Flint homes built before 1986.

Lead solder-copper pipe test pieces were placed in containers filled with water from Detroit and Flint in the experiment, according to the report.

"If it were me, I would not be using (Flint River water) for cooking or drinking unless I had it tested for lead," said Edwards, who previously mounted a six-year campaign that succeeded in forcing the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to admit it had misled the public about the risk of lead in the Washington, D.C., area's drinking water, according to The Washington Post.

"Bottled or filtered water (is what I would use for) children under 6 years old or if I was pregnant," he said.

Brad Wurfel, communications director for the state Department of Environmental Quality, said the preliminary water testing results from Virginia Tech don't jibe with two separate rounds of testing during the past year by the city.

That testing indicated "Flint drinking water meets state and federal safe drinking water standards," Wurfel said.

Wurfel said lead levels detected in testing are not the result of water containing lead when it leaves Flint's treatment plant. But he said the state "has requested Flint optimize its water treatment to further limit exposure to lead from plumbing in homes."

The concerns about lead are the latest challenge for the Flint water system since the city started using the Flint River to replace Lake Huron water sold by the city of Detroit in April 2014.

Since the switch, the city has been plagued by issues such as water main breaks and boil water advisories because of bacteria and has been in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act because of high levels of total trihalomethanes (TTHM), a byproduct of chlorinating river water.

The Rev. Allen Overton, who hand-delivered petitions to Walling on Monday, asking that city officials reconnect the Flint water system to Detroit, said Wednesday that the Virginia Tech experiment is more evidence Flint is not using the best quality of water available.

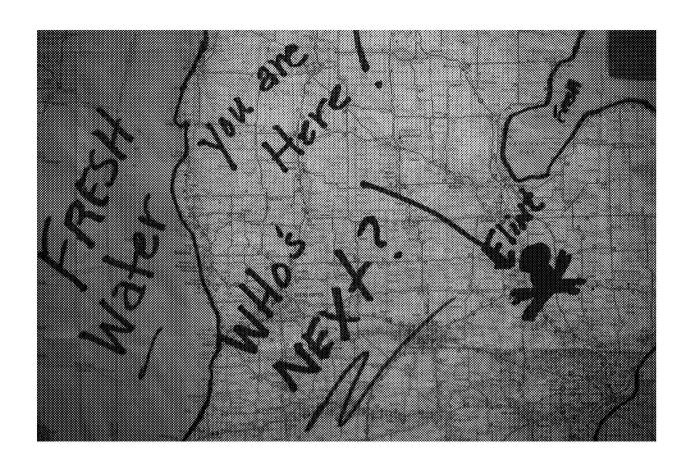
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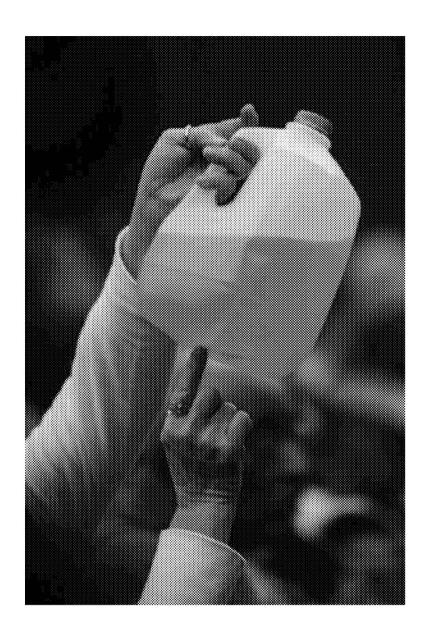
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Councilman Eric Mays said, as more water testing is done, it becomes clearer that Flint should be negotiating with Detroit for a new, short-term water contract as work continues on the Karegnondi Water Authority pipeline.

The pipeline, a partnership between the city and Genesee County, is expected to bring untreated Lake Huron water to Flint at some point in 2016.

"They are trying to make the water safe by trial and error," said Mays, who called Flint's water situation "a disgrace."





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Hi there Mark -

Happy to help. What I'd say is that this is an option we're helping thoroughly review and consider with the city, and the technical advisory committee's work is much appreciated in this matter. We're also focused on working hard in collaboration with all and implementing the key action steps outlined on Oct. 2 to help protect public health and ensure safe, accessible drinking water for Flint residents.

As you noted, we have slated a time tomorrow morning for the Governor and administration with city and community leaders to provide an update on Flint water so hoping you got those details. Stay tuned.

Thanks and best, SW

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Attachments: Flint Water Summary for Governor; ATT00001.htm

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FYI - number increased slightly again.

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FYI. Here's the latest.

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The funding will address 4 priority areas:

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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about our planned approach.

Nancy

City of Flint Water - Funding Solution State of Michigan Commitment

Agency	GF/GP	Gross	Comments
Filters:		!	
Health & Human Services	\$1,016,000	\$1,016,000	AY15 work project
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Subtotal Filters:	\$1,016,000	\$2,016,000	i +
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Reconnect to DSW:			Reconnection costs ~\$1.3m/month x 9 mos. to be shared by state & Flint
Environmental Quality	\$5,000,000	\$6,000,000	DEQ State Restricted Settlement Fund of \$1m; balance GF/GP
Subtotal Reconnect:	\$5,000,000	\$6,000,000	
Testing Costs:			
Environmental Quality	\$1,000,000		Additional tests at state lab; cost per sample: \$26
Subtotal Testing:	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	
Additional Agency Support:		I	<u> </u>
LARA	\$0	\$200,000	Support for plumbing inspectors to do schools (public and parochial) and health facilities (hospitals, Long Term Care, etc.).
MSHDA	\$0	\$249,900	
Health & Human Services	\$600,000	\$600,000	Follow-up on children with elevated blood levels
Environmental Quality	\$300,000	<u>\$300,000</u>	Home and school inspections.
Subtotal Additional Support:	\$900,000	\$1,349,900	i
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ALL TOTAL	\$7,916,000	\$10,365,900	<u> </u>

5:52 PM 10/7/2015 PRELIMINARY DRAFT

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Sent:Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:06 PMTo:Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)Cc:Heaton, Anna (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV)Subject:Fwd: Draft run of show and release

Please see below quote and suggestions from mayor. I think this is pretty workable. Agreed?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dayne Walling dwalling@cityofflint.com

Date: October 7, 2015 at 9:43:56 PM EDT

To: "Wurfel, Sara (GOV)" < <u>Wurfels@michigan.gov</u>> **Cc:** Jason Lorenz - City of Flint < <u>ilorenz@cityofflint.com</u>>

Subject: Re: FW: Draft run of show and release

Thank you. Please do use Jason as the City public information officer and press contact. Release looks great!

Couple things and my quote

This sentence is not accurate: Flint city leaders requested the state's help to fund the reconnection after a Wednesday meeting of Flint's Technical Advisory Committee.

I made my request to the Governor and COS on 10/2 and the Governor asked me about a funding arrangement prior to the advisory committee meeting.

I think you could use a more general line such as: Flint city leaders requested the state's help to fund the reconnection and to assist with health and infrastructure issues.

Then my quote:

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Finally, I have heard debate among the technical staff about the term optimized corrosion control. In particular, I understand that optimization actually takes place over time and Flint's system may not be optimized with the dosage of phosphate based corrosion control currently in the Detroit system, which is at a maintenance level.

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Could say: Additionally, the Great Lakes Water Authority water already has additional corrosion

Nice working with you too and see you tomorrow Dayne
On Wed, Oct 7, 2015 at 7:13 PM, Wurfel, Sara (GOV) < <u>Wurfels@michigan.gov</u> > wrote: Greetings Mayor and Jason –
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Subject: Fwd: Draft release

Attachments: Draft release_Mott comments and RHW quote.docx; ATT00001.htm

Again, believe most of these are workable, minus headline change as Detroit just doesn't use Lake Huron but Detroit River too.

Thoughts?

Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Kathryn A. Thomas" < http://www.as@mott.org>

Date: October 7, 2015 at 9:41:41 PM EDT

To: "Wurfel, Sara (GOV)" < Wurfels@michigan.gov>

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This version contains a quote from Ridgway. Do I understand correctly that you will not issue a release before 10 am?

I will be leaving the office soon. Please feel free to call me on my mobile hope to be back here tomorrow before your team begins arriving.

at any time. I

Best, Kathryn

From: Kathryn A. Thomas

Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 8:23 PM **To:** 'Wurfel, Sara (GOV)' < <u>Wurfels@michigan.gov</u>>

Cc: Biehl, Laura (GOV) <BiehlL@michigan.gov>; Heaton, Anna (GOV) <HeatonA@michigan.gov>

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Importance: High

Hi, Sara.

I will work with Ridgway on a quote, but I wanted to get some initial comments back to you as quickly as possible. Please be sure to view markup to see the comments.

I'm still in my office. Please call me there (810-766-1734) or on my mobile and the still in the still in my office. Please call me there (810-766-1734) or on my mobile and the still in the still in my office. Please call me there (810-766-1734) or on my mobile and the still in the still in my office. Please call me there (810-766-1734) or on my mobile and the still in my office.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 7:12 PM
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Highlighted below.

From: Kathryn A. Thomas

Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 4:32 PM

To: 'Wurfel, Sara (GOV)' < Wurfels@michigan.gov>

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Would you mind if we were to have a Mott logo on the podium? It will be our only visual representation. If it's a problem, let me know.

The main security number at our front desk is 810-767-5052. That will get you to one of whichever two guards are on duty at the desk.

The governor can park in the loading zone immediately along the back of our building. Our security staff will be watching for him and can let him in through the back door of the building. How many other vehicles will you need parking for?

I want to get this info off to you, but I am about to follow up with another e-mail. Stay tuned.

From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) [mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 4:19 PM **To:** Kathryn A. Thomas kthomas@mott.org

Subject: RE: Contact info

Got it - many thanks, Kathryn.

Also, here is what had mentioned about podium sign. Basic, to the point/message and no one entity as primary. Work and comfortable for that end?

We should indeed make sure there's security connections. Who is your point for that and contact info? I'm trying to verify who's going to be lead on our team's EP unit and will also share as soon as receive.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 1:27 PM **To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV) < <u>Wurfels@michigan.gov</u>>

Subject: RE: Contact info

Brief correction for the address on the advisory. Our building manager advises that we should use the name that appears on the outside of the building so as to avoid confusion. She recommends the following:

Mott Foundation/Commerce Center Building 519 S. Saginaw Street Conference Center, Ground Floor

I also wanted to ask if we should connect our building security staff with your security staff. Please let me know.

Thanks!

Kathryn

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Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 12:41 PM **To:** Kathryn A. Thomas kthomas@mott.org>

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Many thanks, Kathryn.

So appreciate your and the Mott Foundation's leadership and assist on this and helping make the Dining Room conference center space in the Mott Foundation Building available.

Here too is all my contact information, along with our team who will be working on this as well. Have cc'd them here as well.

We'll wait to hear from you on some of the outstanding technical and logistical Qs, and also be back in touch as we have drafts of materials hopefully late this afternoon.

Laura Biehl

mobile biehli@michigan.gov

Anna Heaton

mobile heatona@michigan.gov

Corey Utley (Advance Coordinator)

mobile

utleyc@michigan.gov

Depending on any particulars, we also may need our livestream guru and videographer, Erik Janiszewski, to connect with your IS services team as well. His mobile is and JaniszewskiE@michigan.gov.

Thanks again and warm regards, SW

Sara Wurfel, APR

Press Secretary | Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder wurfels@michigan.gov 517-335-6397, office

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Subject: Contact info

Hi, Sara.

My direct office number and cell are both listed below. I am off in pursuit of answers to your immediate questions.

Best regards, Kathryn

Kathryn Thomas Vice President – Communications Charles Stewart Mott Foundation 503 S. Saginaw Street, Suite 1200

Flint, MI 48502-1851

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Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 8:47 AM

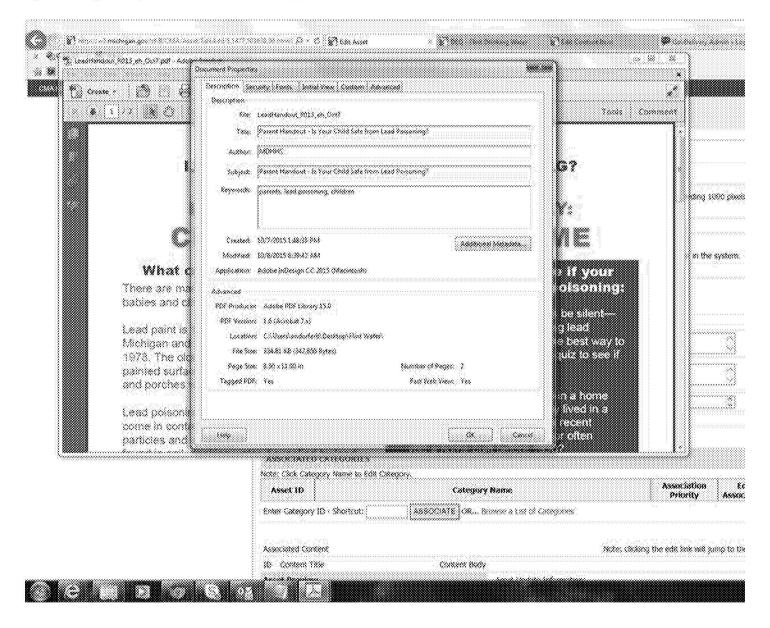
To: Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Paciorek, Josh (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

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Subject: RE: Is Your Child Safe From Lead Poisoning? Handout.

That has been updated.

Actually, the PDF did not have the Document Properties, but I was able to take them from the last version. Obviously, we are in the middle of an important issue right now, but for future reference, you can find the Document Properties by right clicking on any PDF and a info box will appear:



If you have Adobe Acrobat Standard or Professional you should be able to complete these fields in any PDF that you open. If you don't have either of those programs, they can be filled in using PDF Creator when documents are converted from Word to PDF. Not sure about how this works with other programs such as Illustrator.

Bob

From: Minicuci, Angela (DHHS)

Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 6:11 PM

To: Paciorek, Josh (GOV) <Paciorekj@michigan.gov>; Andorfer, Bob (MDARD) <andorferb@michigan.gov>; Murray,

David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov>

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Hi Josh and Bob,

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Dave – this is the handout we will have for the press event tomorrow.

Angela

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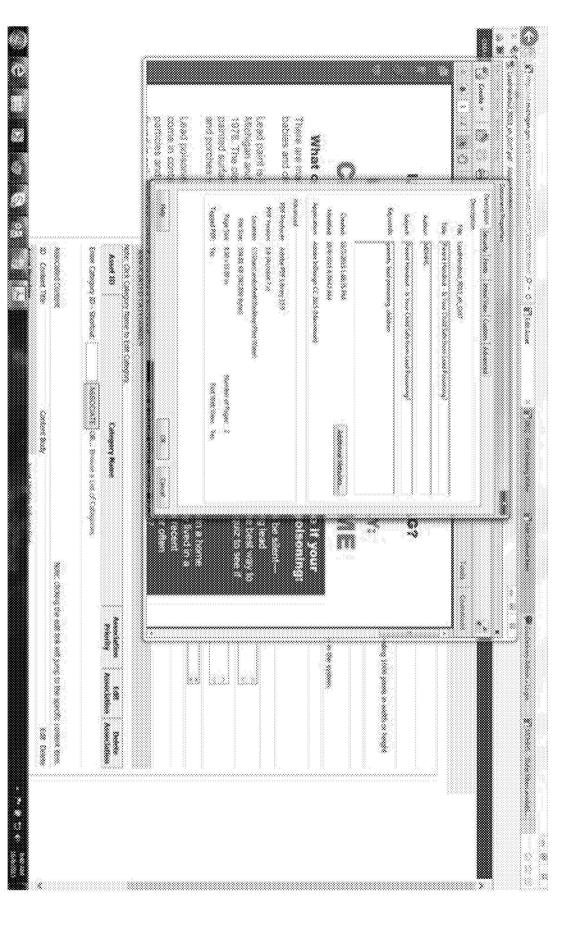
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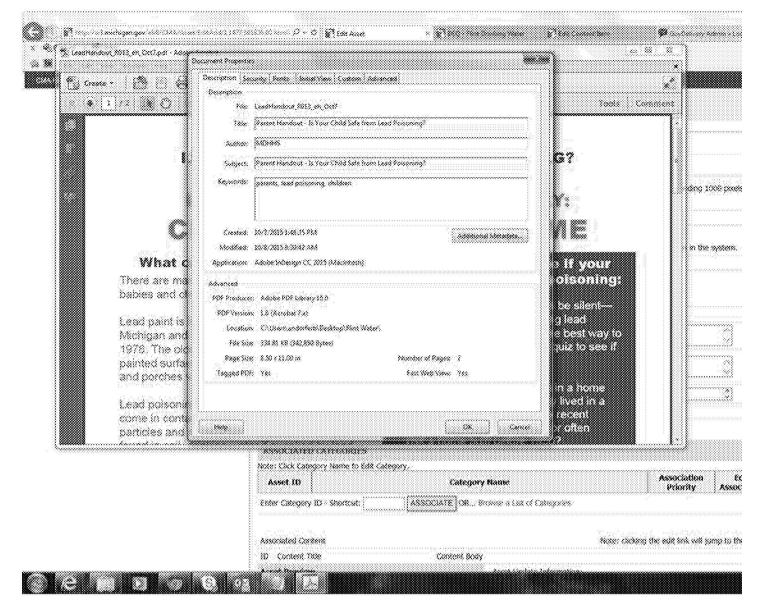
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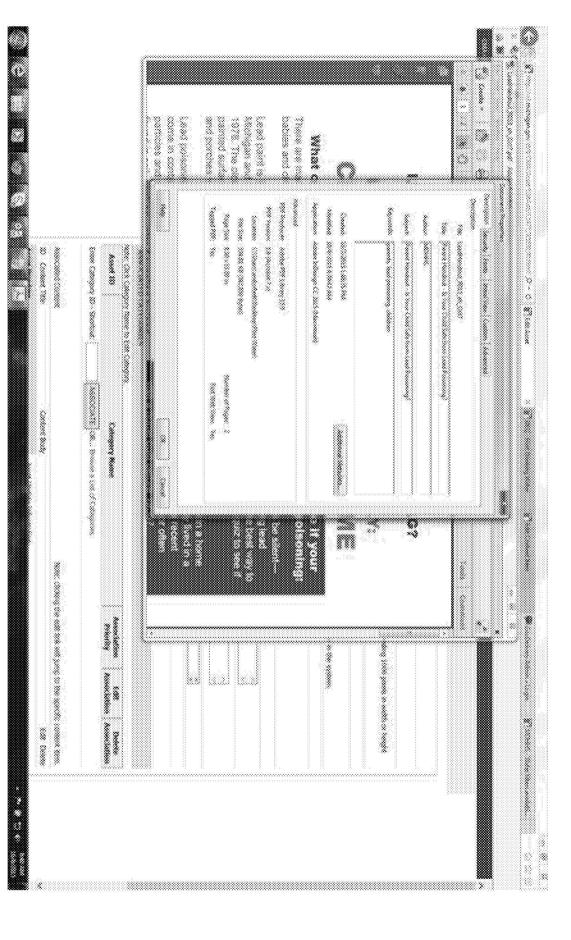
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From: Biehl, Laura (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 9:18 AM

To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen

(DEQ); Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS);

Weiss, Kurt (DTMB); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Paciorek, Josh (GOV)

Subject: FINAL Flint water press release with edits incorporated

Attachments: 151008 Flint water release_FINAL.docx

See attached.

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Cc: Kennedy, Jordan (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV); Heaton, Anna (GOV)

Subject: Flint Water- talking Points

Importance: High

Hi Team,

Given the announcement this morning, please provide as soon as possible talking points for this new process.

The live stream is cutting in and out so we are unable to watch/write what is happening.

Thank you,

Laura Stoken Manager, Constituent Relations Executive Office of the Governor, Rick Snyder 517.335.7858 From: Ackley, Martin (MDE)

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 10:13:31 AM **To:** Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

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Dan Wyant called Brian Whiston last night to let him know of the questionable lead levels they found in three Flint elementary schools and that further screening will be done...

I know that the Gov and Dan Wyant are going to be having a press conf in Flint today. Is there an embargoed press release or other background that we can prepare Brian with, if we get calls?

Thanks.

-marty

Martin Ackley, Director

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To:Ackley, Martin (MDE)Cc:Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Fwd: Final Flint water release

Attachments: image001.png; ATT00001.htm; 151008 Flint water release_FINAL.docx; ATT00002.htm

Here it is Marty. Going on now at Michigan.gov/snyderlive

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Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 10:23 AM

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Beth LeBlanc Reporter Times Herald 911 Military St. Port Huron, MI 48060 eieblanc@gannett.com Office: (810) 989-6259

Mobile:

From: LeBlanc, Elizabeth <eleblanc@thetimesherald.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 10:26 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

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Thanks, Dave!

----Original Message----

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

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This email was sent to murrayd1@michigan.gov<mailto:murrayd1@michigan.gov> on behalf of: The Executive Office of the Governor * 111 South Capitol Avenue * Lansing, MI 48909 * 517-335-7858

From:Jonathan Oosting <joosting@mlive.com>Sent:Thursday, October 08, 2015 12:30 PMTo:Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: State funding for Flint

Hi Sara and Dave

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Jonathan Oosting | MLive Media Group | 313.319.8559 | joosting@mlive.com

From: Jonathan Oosting <joosting@mlive.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 12:36 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: Re: State funding for Flint

Thanks Dave. Drive safe.

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From: Ruestman, Alexa (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 1:23 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: PHONE MESSAGE: Olivia Estrada- NBC

Name: Olivia Estrada

Outlet: NBC

Phone: (312)836-5566

Email: olivia.estrada@nbcuni.com

Re: wants to know zip codes involved in Flint Water Crisis

Deadline: asap

Alexa Ruestman
Communications Intern
Executive Office of the Governor
RuestmanA@michigan.gov

From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 1:26 PM

To: Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Heaton, Anna (GOV)

Subject: FW: Update from Nick's calls

Another FYI - from DHHS' calls.

-----Original Message-----From: Weiss, Kurt (DTMB)

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 1:16 PM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) < <u>Wurfels@michigan.gov</u>>

Subject: FW: Update from Nick's calls

Hi Sara,

I checked and doesn't look like you were copied on this, so sending it along.

Kurt Weiss State Budget Office 517-335-0050

-----Original Message-----From: Duncan, Nancy (DTMB)

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 10:31 AM

To: Starr, Scott (DTMB); Weiss, Kurt (DTMB); McNeely, Jacques (DTMB); Fosdick, David (DTMB); Kimmith, Dean (DTMB)

Subject: FW: Update from Nick's calls

Keeping you in the loop.

----Original Message----

From: Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS)

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 9:32 AM

To: Hanley, Farah (DHHS); Becker, Timothy (DHHS); Grijalva, Nancy (DHHS); Roberts, John (DTMB); Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Duncan, Nancy (DTMB); Harkins, Chris (DTMB); Pallone, Maggie (DEQ); Hertel, Elizabeth (DHHS); Ruest, Karla (DHHS)

Cc: Lyon, Nick (DHHS)

Subject: Update from Nick's calls

Nick has put in calls to our subcommittee chairs and wanted to pass along the feedback he got.

All agree from the health side that the DHHS action is the right way to move forward. However they had some negative feedback on the \$6 million.

- --Representatives MacGregor and Poleski both feel this should be a loan to the City of Flint instead of direct payment of \$6 million
- --Senator Marleau complained about the lack of legislative input before the decision was made to switch back to Flint water from Detroit in the first place.

He left messages for Verheulen, Santana, Shirkey and Hertel.

Sent from my iPad

From: Jonathan Oosting <joosting@mlive.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 1:59 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: Re: State funding for Flint

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From: Jonathan Oosting <joosting@mlive.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 2:05 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV) **Subject:** Re: State funding for Flint

Ah okay, thanks

Jonathan Oosting | MLive Media Group | 313.319.8559 | joosting@mlive.com

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On 10/8/15, 2:03 PM, "Murray, David (GOV)" < Murray D1@michigan.gov > wrote:
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>Not quite. A little more complicated. Sara is working with Kurt to get >you a complete breakdown.
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From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 3:11 PM
To: 'Jonathan Oosting'; Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: State funding for Flint

Hi there Jonathan,

Sorry for delay. Been in back-to-back meetings since getting back from Flint.

Happy to walk you through this, but sounds like Kurt already did? Just let me know.

Thanks much, SW

From: Jonathan Oosting [mailto:joosting@mlive.com]

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From: Estrada, Olivia (NBCUniversal) <olivia.estrada@nbcuni.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 4:58 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV) **Subject:** RE: Flint ZIP codes

Great, thanks!

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 3:46 PM

To: Estrada, Olivia (NBCUniversal)

Subject: Flint ZIP codes

Hello Olivia,

Please forgive the delay here. We have been just swamped since returning from Flint this afternoon.

The affected ZIP codes are: 48503 and 48504

I don't know if you have this, but here is our release: http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-366800--,00.html

And here is the video of the press conference: http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0.4668,7-277-60112-268720--,00.html

Let me know if you need additional information.

Dave

Dave Murray

Deputy Press Secretary | Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder <u>MurrayD1@michigan.gov</u> 517-335-6397, office

mobile
Twitter:@michigandmurray



From: Hollins, Harvey (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 5:15 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV) **Subject:** Re: Kildee's statement

Attachments: image001.jpg

Kildee should also ask for federal assistance, I thought that was one of the reasons why Flint voters sent him to DC. SMH

On Oct 8, 2015, at 2:16 PM, Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov > wrote:

October 8, 2015

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) issued the following statement today after Governor Snyder announced that the city of Flint would reconnect to the Detroit water system:

"Reconnecting to the Detroit water system is the right next step to provide Flint residents with safe drinking water. But how Flint pays for safe water until the Karegnondi Water Authority is operational is a separate question.

"Flint is a financially distressed city, and it should not have to empty out its bank account to pay for the state's failures. The decision to switch to the Flint River water source was made while the city was under state emergency management, and now it is incumbent on Governor Snyder and the state to fix – and pay – for the problem they created.

"Flint paying anything for the problem that the state created in the first place means that other improvements, including to the city's aging water infrastructure system, could be delayed. This is especially troublesome considering that the state of Michigan has consistently cut tens of millions of dollars of revenue sharing to the city of Flint in recent years.

"Flint residents are also Michigan residents, who pay state taxes and, like every other city in our state, expect clean and safe drinking water. The state of Michigan created this problem, and they need to pay for the solution to fix it."

Dave Murray

Deputy Press Secretary | Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder <u>MurrayD1@michigan.gov</u> 517-335-6397, office

mobile
Twitter:@michigandmurray

<image001.jpg>

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 12:48 PM **To:** Fonger, Ronald (RFONGER1@mlive.com)

Cc: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Today's Piece

Attachments: Flint lead history.pdf

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/10/seven key takeaways from gov s.html#incart river home

You may have a factual error in today's story. Want to make sure you've got correct data.

"Those were the highest lead levels measured in Flint by the city in more than 20 years, the state data shows."

Higher levels were recorded on smaller test sampling pools in 1998 (7.4) and 2000 (7 pbb), state data shows. Since other media are quoting your stuff, I'm sure youll want to have it as clear as possible. Thanks. b

Brad Wurfel Communications Director Michigan Department of Environmental Quality 517-284-6713

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	90th Percentile	Number of Samples	Samples	Samples	Required
Monitoring Period	(parts per billion)	above 15 ppb	Required	Collected	Frequency
Jan June 2015	11 ppb	6	60	69	OCC Treatment
July - Dec. 2014	6 ppb	2	100	100	6 months
New Source and Trea	tment - Flint River an	d Flint WTP			
June - Sept. 2011	0 ppb	0	23	23	3 years
June - Sept. 2008	0 ppb	0	33	33	3 years
June - Sept. 2005	1.4 ppb	0	33	33	3 years
June - Sept. 2002	4 ppb	1	33	33	3 years
June - Sept. 2001	4.4 ppb	0	33	33	1 year
June - Sept. 2000	7 ppb	2	33	33	1 year
Jan June 1999	5 ppb	0	33	33	1 year
July - Dec. 1998	7.4 ppb	1	33	33	6 months
July - Dec. 1997	5 ppb	1	33	33	6 months
Jan June 1997	4.5 ppb	1	33	33	6 months
DWSD Study and OCC	Treatment				
July -Dec. 1992	14.4 ppb	3	33	33	6 months
Jan June 1992	15 ppb	4	33	33	6 months

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 1:14 PM

To: Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Krisztian, George (DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)

Cc: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: FW: What do you need?

From Mlive.

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From: Ronald Fonger [mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com]

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 12:53 PM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Subject: RE: What do you need?

Heft a voicemail.

I'm working on a story about how the state determined there was an issue with lead in Flint water.

The director spoke to the timeline yesterday (first 100 tests showing the 6ppb reading, the start of a second round of testing that ended up coming back 11 ppb, the notice to the city in august about corrosion control).

My question is pretty simple. Why didn't something more happen at the first sign of elevation (end of 2014 when tests showed just a slightly elevated level at 6 ppb)?

I have notes from the director talking yesterday about following the protocol of testing again per epa rules, but I didn't know if there was any other action, heads-up to the city or internal discussion about what might be happening by the state.

I also know 6bbp is well within the 15 ppb threshold, but it's a question I've been hearing. Just want to make sure I've got the whole answer from your end.

Thanks.

Ron Fonger

MLive Media Group Reporter

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email rfonger1@mlive.com

address 540 S. Saginaw St. #101, Flint MI 48502

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) [mailto:WurfelB@michigan.gov]

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 12:35 PM

To: Ronald Fonger

Subject: What do you need?

See I missed your call. What's news today?

Brad Wurfel Communications Director Michigan Department of Environmental Quality 517-284-6713 From: Bowling, Joe'L (GOV)

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 4:52 PM **To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Cc: Agen, Jarrod (GOV)

Subject: PHONE MESSAGE: Chad Halcom - Crain's Detroit Business

Name: Chad Halcom

Outlet: Crain's Detroit Business

Topic: Time table for bill intro involving Flint and Detroit Water and Sewage Department

Phone: 313-446-6796 Email: chalcom@crain.com

Deadline: n/a

Joe'L Bowling Communications Intern Executive Office of Gov. Rick Snyder 517-335-6397 From: Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 12:49 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: FW: MDP Statement: Those Responsible for Flint Water Crisis Must Be Held Accountable

Dave: Just finishing this post up and had not heard from Sara.

Thought I'd give it one more try with you.

Ron Fonger

MLive Media Group Reporter

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address 540 S. Saginaw St. #101, Flint MI 48502

From: Ronald Fonger

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 10:12 AM

To: 'wurfels@michigan.gov'

Subject: FW: MDP Statement: Those Responsible for Flint Water Crisis Must Be Held Accountable

Sara:

Would your office want to comment on this call from state Dems for the governor to fire Darnell Earley from his position with the Detroit schools?

Thanks,

Ron Fonger

MLive Media Group Reporter

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address 540 S. Saginaw St. #101, Flint MI 48502

From: MDP Press [mailto:press@michigandems.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 8:52 AM

To: MDP Press

Subject: MDP Statement: Those Responsible for Flint Water Crisis Must Be Held Accountable

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

News from the Michigan Democratic Party

October 13, 2015

Contact: Paul Kanan, 517.371.5410; pkanan@michigandems.com

MDP Statement: Those Responsible for Flint Water Crisis Must Be Held Accountable

LANSING – The Michigan Democratic Party issued the following statement today, on behalf of Party Chair Brandon Dillon, demanding those responsible for the Flint water crisis be held accountable and calling on Governor Snyder to immediately fire former Flint EM, and current EM for Detroit Public Schools, Darnell Earley:

"Accountability in government means answering to the people you serve, not just cleaning up your mistakes using their money," said Brandon Dillon, Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party.

"This catastrophe began with the governor's appointed emergency manager, and as much as Governor Snyder would like to pretend, this is not a matter of negotiating at the boardroom table. This is a situation where you pay for your mistakes and put those responsible on the chopping block.

"That is why we are calling for the immediate firing of the governor's handpicked emergency manager for Flint, Darnell Earley. Earley was in charge when the decision was made to switch the city to unsafe drinking water. If poisoning children wasn't bad enough, after Earley failed the citizens of Flint, the governor inexplicably rewarded him with another appointment – emergency manager for Detroit Public Schools – where he is now responsible for the education of nearly 50,000 students.

"The children of Flint and Detroit are being robbed of what most of us take for granted – safe drinking water and a quality education. The wholesale theft of our children's futures must end now. That begins with the removal from power all those that would sacrifice the future of a single child in Michigan – let alone thousands – in order to add a few extra dollars to the bottom line."

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From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 9:57 AM

To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Cc: Heaton, Anna (GOV); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Flint-Egan

Importance: High

Sara...

Let me know if you might have 15-20 minutes this am, for me to walk over and share some information & thoughts or otherwise discuss the response to Egan.

The Flint RTAB meets at 2pm today...so I am leaving for Flint by 1. The RTAB is taking up the city's resolution to pay \$2 m for the reconnect to DWSD.

Thanks, T

From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 3:15 PM **To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Cc: Workman, Wayne (TREASURY); Koryzno, Edward (Treasury)

Subject: Flint RTAB

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No other real issues etc.

Let me know if you have any questions.

TS

From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 4:50 PM

To: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Murray, David (GOV)

Cc: Workman, Wayne (TREASURY); Koryzno, Edward (Treasury)

Subject: RE: Flint RTAB

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From:Stephen Carmody <sgcarmod@umich.edu>Sent:Thursday, October 15, 2015 10:55 AMTo:Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: A news media question

Hi,

The senate has passed the Flint water funding bill.

When does the governor plan to sign it?

Steve Carmody Michigan Radio From: Heaton, Anna (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 11:34 AM

To: Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV);

Brown, Jessica (GOV); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV)

Subject: Draft PR for supplemental signing

Attachments: PR 151015 Flint water supp Signing.docx

Wanted to have someone proof and check messaging, then I will run it by DEQ/DHHS and leg. for approval.

Anna Heaton
Public Relations Advisor | Gov. Rick Snyder

o: 517-241-6049 | c: @Republicanna



RICK SNYDER

BRIAN CALLEY

Contacts:	FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Sara Wurfel or Dave Murray	Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015
517-335-6397	

Gov. Rick Snyder signs bill authorizing funding for Flint to move back to Detroit water system

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Rick Snyder has signed legislation that will direct funding to the City of Flint's emergency water services to reconnect the city's water supply to the Great Lakes Water Authority.

"The signing of this funding bill is the resolution of a serious problem and I'm pleased so many parties came together to help deliver safe drinking water to the city of Flint," Snyder said. "Reconnecting to the Great Lakes Water Authority is only the first step, as the state will continue testing and inspections to ensure Flint families and children have clean water in their homes and schools."

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In addition to the \$6 million:

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- \$850,000 will aid in follow-up services for children, including lead testing and care for those with abnormal levels;
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For more information on this and other legislation, please visit www.legislature.mi.gov.

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Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ) To:

Cc: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Supplemental signing PR for review Attachments: PR 151015 Flint water supp Signing.docx

Let me know if you have changes.

Thanks,

Anna Heaton Public Relations Advisor | Gov. Rick Snyder o: 517-241-6049 | c. | @Republicanna



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Temporary reconnection provides best protection for public health

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Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 11:58 AM

To: Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Tommasulo, Karen

(DEQ)

Cc: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Supplemental signing PR for review

Let me know if you have changes.

Thanks,

@Republicanna

From: Maloney, Damon <damon.maloney@abc12.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 12:45 PM

To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Cc: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: Flint Water Fix Bill passage

Hello,

ABC12 is in Lansing today and wanted to be in the loop on getting information when the Governor signs the Flint Water Fix Bill.

I also wanted to ask- the money approved is intended to tie the city over until KWA is up and running which we heard is expected to be June of 2016- what if KWA is not ready? Would Flint continue to stay on Detroit water system- if so, who/how would that bill be paid? Or would city be forced back onto River Water?

Thanks, Damon

Damon Maloney abc12 News Sent from my iPhone From: Macaluso, Nora <nmacaluso@bna.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 1:04 PM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: flint water

Can you tell me when governor will sign Flint water appropriations bill? thanks

Nora Macaluso Staff Correspondent

Bloomberg BNA

Direct/Mobile nmacaluso@bna.com From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 1:18 PM **To:** 'Macaluso, Nora'; Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: flint water

As soon as we can receive it, Nora. Hopefully yet today to help keep the process moving forward as quickly as possible.

Governor appreciates the quick action and unanimous support from the Legislature and everyone working and pulling together on this priority.

From: Macaluso, Nora [mailto:nmacaluso@bna.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 1:04 PM

To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) < Wurfels@michigan.gov>; Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov>

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Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 4:41 PM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Heaton, Anna (GOV); Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela

(DHHS); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)

Cc: Murray, David (GOV); Wyant, Dan (DEQ) **Subject:** RE: Supplemental signing PR for review

For the 4th bullet, can we change it to "\$850,000 will aid in follow up services for children, including testing, investigations, and case management for those with elevated blood lead levels."

Jennifer (Smith) Eisner
Public Information Officer
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
517-241-2112

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 12:33 PM

To: Heaton, Anna (GOV) < Heaton & @michigan.gov >; Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS) < lasher@michigan.gov >; Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS) < Eisner & @michigan.gov >; Minicuci, Angela (DHHS) < Minicuci & @michigan.gov >; Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ) < Tommasulo & @michigan.gov >

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(DEQ)

Cc: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Supplemental signing PR for review

Let me know if you have changes.

Thanks,

Anna Heaton
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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 11:21 AM

To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV)

Cc: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV)

Subject:FW: Flint Press ReleaseAttachments:Flint Press Release.pdf

Importance: High

Heads up, EPA announcing its task force per Wyant's briefing yesterday.

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From: Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 11:20 AM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Cc: Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Flint Press Release

Importance: High

Brad, Director asked that you share with Sara Wurfel.

Mary Beth

Mary Beth Thelen
Management Assistant to Director Dan Wyant
Department of Environmental Quality
Constitution Hall, 6th Floor South
Phone: 517-284-6712 or 284-6700 (new numbers)

Fax: 517-241-7401 Thelenm2@michigan.gov

From: Williams, Felicia [mailto:\Williams,Felicia@eoa.gov] On Behalf Of Hedman, Susan

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 11:00 AM

To: Wyant, Dan (DEQ)
Cc: Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)
Subject: Flint Press Release

Hi Dan --

We will be issuing the attached press release in about 30 minutes -- it describes the Task Force that we discussed yesterday. If you would like to talk further, I will be available this afternoon.

Thanks,

Susan

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Contact Information: Anne Rowan, rowan.anne@epa.gov 312-353-9391

For Immediate Release No. 15-OPA160

EPA Establishes Safe Drinking Water Task Force to Provide Technical Expertise to MDEQ and City of Flint

Task Force providing technical assistance on reconnecting the Flint drinking water system to a new source

CHICAGO (October 16, 2015) - Today U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 Administrator Susan Hedman established the Flint Safe Drinking Water Task Force to provide the Agency's technical expertise through regular conversations with designated officials from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the City of Flint. The Task Force will be led by the Region 5 Deputy Regional Administrator and will assist with developing and implementing a plan to secure water quality, including measures to optimize corrosion control. Task Force members will be available to consult with MDEQ and the City of Flint on site in Flint. The Task Force will also coordinate as necessary with federal, state and local public health agencies to assist with protection of public health.

Specifically, the Task Force will provide technical assistance to the MDEQ and the City of Flint to reconnect the Flint system to a new source of drinking water (to be supplied by the Great Lakes Water Authority) and to optimize corrosion control for the Flint system, starting in October 2015. The Task Force will also provide technical assistance to the MDEQ and the City of Flint, as needed, in advance of and following connection of the Flint water system to a new source of drinking water (to be supplied by the Karegnondi Water Authority) and to optimize corrosion control for the Flint system, starting in 2016.

"EPA is committed to working with our state and local partners to ensure a safe and reliable drinking water supply for the residents of Flint, Michigan," Hedman said. "The formation of this task force continues our commitment to providing technical assistance to the City of Flint and the State of Michigan."

The Task Force will be comprised of scientists and technical experts from the EPA Region 5 office in Chicago, the National Risk Management Research Lab in Cincinnati and the EPA drinking water program. In addition, EPA will ask the Governor to designate a MDEQ official and the Mayor of Flint to designate a city official, to serve as points of contact for the Task Force.

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 2:01 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Subject: Please bless our reaction to the US EPA announcement?

Regarding the EPA announcement:

"We are glad to have the continued technical support and counsel from our federal partners. We have been working closely with the U.S. EPA on the challenges in Flint, including their added presence on the city's technical advisory and the Governor's 10-point plan. This is welcome news and we anticipate it will help us implement the Governor's strategy."

Brad Wurfel Communications Director Michigan Department of Environmental Quality 517-284-6713

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From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 2:07 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Re: Please bless our reaction to the US EPA announcement?

Dave will you please make sure sure to share with Jared, Dennis, Rich, and Harvey too?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 16, 2015, at 1:02 PM, Murray, David (GOV) < MurrayD1@michigan.gov> wrote:

Just one little change, a matter of subject and verb agreement:

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From: Biehl, Laura (GOV)

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 2:48 PM

To: Bedan, Morgan (GOV)

Cc: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV)

Subject: Media Briefings: PRINT media for Monday

RDS/JW/SW- PRINT interview with Hiram Jackson and Keith Owens of the Michigan Chronicle

Date: Monday, Oct. 19, 2015

Time: 11:05-11:30 a.m.

Location: Governor's Office at SEMI

Purpose: To update the media about your work to improve education in Detroit and discuss proposed legislation.

Possible Topics:

- Detroit schools reform
- EAA/FBI probe
- Roads
- Flint water

Recent articles:

DPS schools highlight good attendance on Count Day: http://michronicleonline.com/2015/10/06/dps-schools-highlight-good-attendance-on-count-day/

LIFT working with Detroit STEM students on virtual game: http://michronicleonline.com/2015/10/02/lift-working-with-detroit-stem-students-on-virtual-game/

When will Detroit parents be allowed off the DPS plantation?: http://michronicleonline.com/2015/10/06/when-will-detroit-parents-be-allowed-off-the-dps-plantation/

Change on the horizon for DPS? Crime decline says so: http://michronicieonline.com/2015/09/22/change-on-the-horizon-for-dos-crime-decline-says-so/

NOTE: Keith Owens is the new editor of the Michigan Chronicle. He was most recently a communications consultant but worked at the Chronicle earlier in his career. He also did Communications for Wayne County's Treasurer's Office, was an opinion columnist for the Freep and wrote for Metro Times. Article about Keith's hiring:

http://www.freep.com/story/monev/business/michigan/2015/08/07/michigan-chronicle-editor/31282199/

Last interview: 5/28/15 at Mackinac (with Bankole who now left the Chronicle)

Market: Southeast Michigan- online at michiganchronicle.com

Contact: Hiram cell: ; Office: 313-963-5522

RDS/JW/DMurray- PRINT interview with Crain's Detroit Business' editorial and reporting teams

Date: Monday, Oct. 19, 2015

Time: 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Location: Crain's Detroit Business Board Room, 1155 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit

Purpose: To update the media about your work to improve education in Detroit and discuss proposed legislation.

Reporters participating:

Mary Kramer- publisher
Jennette Smith- editor
Michael Lee- new managing editor
Sherri Welch- senior reporter
Lindsay VanHulle – Lansing correspondent

Article from Sept on staff changes/promotions at Crain's:

http://www.crainsdetroit.com/article/20150911/NEWS/150919960/crains-hires-newsroom-staff-promotes-jennette-smith-to-editor

Possible Topics:

- Detroit schools reform
- EAA/FBI probe
- Roads
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Recent articles:

Focus: Hope idles workforce training after state grants lapse-

http://www.crainsdetroit.com/article/20151011/NEWS/310119979/focus-hope-idles-workforce-training-after-state-grants-lapse

DTE, Consumers Energy want to shut off Michigan's renewable energy mandates-

http://www.crainsdetroit.com/article/20151011/NEWS/310119977/dte-consumers-energy-want-to-shut-off-michigans-renewable-energy

PSC: Energy efficiency programs should save Michigan customers \$4.2 billion-

http://www.crainsdetroit.com/article/20151002/BLOG020/151009958/psc-energy-efficiency-programs-should-save-michigan-customers-4-2

Young Detroiters to experiment with entrepreneurship during Startup Weekend-

http://www.crainsdetroit.com/article/20151016/NEWS/151019914/young-detroiters-to-experiment-withen the properties of the control of the con

Last interview: 8/24/15 with Lindsay VanHulle from China

Market: Southeast Michigan- online at crainsdetroit.com

Contact: Michael cell: ; Jennette cell:

Security POC: Barbara Cooney- 313-446-1669

RDS/JW/SW- PRINT interview with Detroit News' reporting and editorial teams

Date: Monday, Oct. 19, 2015

Time: 12:55-1:35 p.m.

Location: Detroit News offices – 160 W. Fort St. – 3rd floor

Purpose: To update the media about your work to improve education in Detroit and discuss proposed legislation.

Possible Topics:

- Detroit schools reform
- EAA/FBI probe
- Roads
- Flint water

Reporters participating (Subject to change):

Ingrid Jacques Kaitlyn Buss John Wolman Chad Livengood Richard Burr Shawn Lewis

NOTE: Nolan is in Paris with his granddaughter

Recent articles:

State's \$6M aid for Flint water switch signed into law:

http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2015/10/15/flint-get-aid-switch-drinking-water/73986956/Snyder: Road fund talks hit dead end: http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2015/10/13/michigan-roads/73870236/

Gov. Snyder on the big game: 'Go Blue!': http://www.detroitnews.com/story/sports/2015/10/12/gov-snyder-big-game-go-blue/73843434/

Snyder signs law to let drivers show insurance on phone:

http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2015/10/08/snyder-signs-law-let-drivers-show-insurance-phone/73570554/

Last interview: 9/16/15 with Daniel Howes from Japan

Market: Southeast Michigan / online – www.detroitnews.com

Contact: Ingrid cell: Ingrid desk: 313-223-4610

RDS/JW/SW- PRINT interview with Detroit Free Press' reporting and editorial teams

Date: Monday, Oct. 19, 2015

Time: 1:40-2:20 p.m.

Location: Detroit Free Press offices- 160 Fort St. - 2nd floor

Purpose: To update the media about your work to improve education in Detroit and discuss proposed legislation.

Possible Topics:

Detroit schools reform

- EAA/FBI probe
- Roads
- Flint water

Reporters participating:

Stephen Henderson Brian Dickerson Nancy Kaffer Jewel Gopwani Ann Zaniewski Lori Higgins Paul Egan or Kathy Gray Rochelle Riley Tom Walsh

Recent articles:

Rochelle Riley: State must stop robbing Detroit schools: http://www.freep.com/story/news/columnists/rochelle-riley/2015/10/10/state-must-stop-robbing-schools-michigan-funding-education-detroit/73223738/
State funding for Flint water is just a down payment: http://www.freep.com/story/news/columnists/rochelle-riley/2015/10/16/state-funding-flint-water-down-payment/73977446/

Senate approves, Snyder signs cash for Flint water fix:

http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2015/10/15/senate-gives-quick-unanimous-approval-flint-water-fix/73979168/

Road deal: There may still be hope: http://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2015/10/14/road-funding-talks-enter-cooling-off-phase/73935602/

State jobless rate below national average:

http://www.freep.com/story/money/business/michigan/2015/10/14/michigan-unemployment-falls-below-national-average/73933978/

Last interview: 9/16/15 w/ Matt Dolan re: Japan/Germany

Market: Southeast Michigan- online at freep.com

Contact: Selma- 313-222-6583; Jewel-248-739-6883

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Subject: RDS/DMurray- TAPED TV interview with Devin Scillian for WDIV'S Flashpoint and

TAPED TV news interview with TBD of WDIV-TV

Location: 550 W Lafayette Blvd, Detroit, MI 48226

Start: Mon 10/19/2015 2:30 PM **End:** Mon 10/19/2015 3:00 PM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: GovCalendar

Required Attendees: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

(2:30-2:45- Flashpoint, 2:50-3 News)

Purpose: To update the media about your work to improve education in Detroit and discuss proposed legislation.

Possible Topics:

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- Roads
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Recent articles:

Flashpoint portal: http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/politics/flashpoint/1718960

Flashpoint: Experts debate gun regulation, Flint water crisis-

http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/politics/flashpoint/flashpoint-experts-debate-gun-regulation-flint-water-crisis/35777418

Flashpoint: Examining attempt to improve schools in N.J.-

http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/politics/flashpoint/flashpoint-examining-attempt-to-improve-schools-in-nj/35777712

Flashpoint: Panel discusses handling of Flint water crisis-

http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/politics/flashpoint/flashpoint-panel-discusses-handling-of-flint-water-crisis/35777612

Last interview: 6/17/15 w/ Rod Meloni re: Budget signing

Market: Detroit metro / streamed online at clickondetroit.com

Contact: Olive (producer)- 734-751-3187; Back-up- 313-222-0540

Subject: RDS/DMurray- LIVE TV interview with Stephen Clark and JoAnn Purtan on WXYZ's

"The Now"; then TAPED TV interview with Chuck Stokes

Location: 20777 W. Ten Mile Rd., Southfield, Michigan 48075

Start: 10/19/2015 4:15 PM

End: 10/19/2015 4:45 PM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: GovCalendar

Required Attendees: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

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(4:15-4:25 p.m. LIVE; 4:30-4:40 TAPED with Chuck Stokes

Purpose: To update the media about your work to improve education in Detroit and discuss proposed legislation.

Possible Topics:

- · Detroit schools reform
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- Roads
- Flint water

NOTE: The Now show- http://www.wxyz.com/thenowdetroit;

Reminder: Did Smash SMA video for Stephen Clark's granddaughter Scarlet - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJdZ2JM4G7o

Recent articles:

Snyder: \$1.2 billion road-funding talks are at an impasse:

http://www.wxyz.com/news/snyder-12-billion-road-funding-talks-are-at-an-impasse

Snyder supports switching Flint water system back to Detroit:

http://www.wxyz.com/news/governor-snyder-to-make-announcement-thursday-about-water-crisis-in-fluorises and the supplies of the contract of t

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State and health officials address Flint water crisis, introduce plan of action: http://www.wxyz.com/news/watch-live-at-130-state-health-officials-address-flint-water-crisis

Last interview: 4/30/15 re: DPS

Market: Detroit metro / streamed online {HYPERLINK "http://wxyz.com" }

Contact: Dan Zacharek (Managing Editor)- 248-929-3381; Backup: 248-827-9407 (Newsroom)

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2015 3:34 PM

To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: DRAFT response to Detroit News -- PLEASE REVIEW ASAP

Attachments: Document3.docx

Importance: High

Brad,

After reviewing the emails made available through FOIA, there are several things that seem to need addressing.

1. It appears DEQ staffers have essentially downplayed or ignored warning signs from EPA's water expert, Miguel Deltoral. We have been aware of Mr. Deltoral's unofficial memo that went public in April. But his email dated two months earlier on Feb. 27, to Jennifer Crooks and Mike Prysby, he seems to lay out exactly what's come to pass...

"(Particulate lead readings) Folks tend to discount these values as anomalies, but particulate lead release is a normal part of the corrosion process and it is universal (common) in all systems. It's just that it's not captured as often by the infrequent LCR sampling. If systems are pre-flushing the tap the night before collecting LCR compliance samples (MDEQ) still provides these instructions to public water systems) this clears particulate lead out of the plumbing and biases the results low by eliminating the highest lead values. If systems are pre-flushing and still finding particulate lead, the amount of particulate lead in the system can be higher than what is being detected using these "pre-flushed" first-draw samples.

"My point on that was that people are exposed to the particulate lead on a daily basis, but the particulate lead is being flushed away before collecting compliance samples which provides false assurance to residents about the true lead levels in the water."

Miguel goes on to address the optimal corrosion control situation in that same Feb 27 email.

"If I remember correctly, Detroit is feeding (phosphate) for the lead/copper rule, but since Flint is no longer part of that interconnection, I was wondering what their OCCT was. They are required to have OCCT in place which is why I was asking what they were using."

So what I'm seeing here is Miguel having raised these issues as far back as February. When unofficial April memo shows up, it's clear these issues still haven't been addressed.

Another email from the day before came from Jennifer Crooks at EPA which also highlights early concern about a lack of proper corrosion controls as well as the testing methods. "The City can't just flush in advance of taking the compliance samples, they have to flush the lines on a regular basis."

Can you respond to the fact that it appears the state ignored or disregarded several warnings from EPA officials about testing deficiencies and insufficient corrosion controls?

Emails offer snapshots of a much broader conversation. The program staff did not ignore the information. They believed they were handling the situation in full accordance with federal protocols, and contacted EPA Region 5 officials promptly to seek guidance. They were more than halfway done with compliance sampling under the federal protocol and the 90th percentile samples to that point showed 6 pbb – barely in excess of the 5 pbb threshold.

Corrosion control, or the lack thereof, seems to be another major problem here. At the first of
the recent press conferences, Dan Wyant said that lime was being used as a corrosion control
method. But that is clearly contradicted by DEQ staff at several points. One of those is Pat
Cook's email from April 24.

"Flint is currently not practicing corrosion control treatment at the (water treatment plant)." This puts Dan's comments about the lime into question.

There's been some confusion on this point, and I think it was addressed in our previous response. This was a misunderstanding with technical staff. Lime was added to soften the water. While it adjusts pH and can have some impact on corrosivity, it was insufficient corrosion control.

3. I gather from several exchanges in here that EPA and DEQ disagree over that the state's responsibility was in ensuring there was optimal corrosion control. One of the emails from July includes notes from a meeting of all the parties shows that EPA was asking why that hadn't been used from the outset, and the state's response was something along these lines:

""MDEQ explained that they did not treat the switch to Flint River water as a "new system," but as a new source. It is their understanding that two rounds of 6-month testing is still needed to characterize the water quality. They don't know what optimized is until those two rounds of six month monitoring are completed."

Under the lead copper rule, was the state required to have phosphate treatment in place? It appears here that the state chose to interpret the CLR as not requiring corrosion control. That seems like a highly dubious conclusion.

And after concerns were raised repeatedly beginning (at least as early as February), why was nothing done?

That's the big question. What has become clear in recent weeks is that staff believed they were handling the situation in accordance with the proper protocol for a water provider using a new source, but the federal Lead and Copper rule has a particular provision for communities over 50,000 people; that the system operator must continue treating with full corrosion control even as they test the water.

What the staff did would have been the proper protocol for a community under 50,000 people. None of the DEQ staff in this division had ever worked on a water source switch for a community over 50,000 people – it's uncommon for our big communities to switch sources.

It's increasingly clear there was confusion here, but it also is increasingly clear that DEQ staff believed they were using the proper federal protocol and they were not.

The Governor will soon announce an independent, third party, after-action review to detail what happened and why, and offer steps to make sure Michigan's drinking water program is on a better course in the future.

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There is substantial controversy over the lead and copper rule – the EPA has been working for years on ways to update it, and Michigan will be an active part of that conversation going forward. The situation in Flint is a snapshot of an issue affecting cities around the state and the nation. More than a dozen states use the sampling protocol Michigan uses – that's not a defense of the protocol, but rather an indication that even experts on the issue disagree about the most effective testing methods.

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Subject: RDS/JW/SW- PRINT interview with Hiram Jackson and Keith Owens of the Michigan

Chronicle

Location: Governor's SEMI Office

Start: Mon 10/19/2015 11:05 AM **End:** Mon 10/19/2015 11:30 AM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: GovCalendar

Required Attendees: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Hall, Jean (GOV); Walsh,

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When will Detroit parents be allowed off the DPS plantation?: http://michronicleonline.com/2015/10/06/when-will-detroit-parents-be-allowed-off-the-dps-plantation/

Change on the horizon for DPS? Crime decline says so: http://michronicleonline.com/2015/09/22/change-on-the-horizon-for-dps-crime-decline-says-so/

NOTE: Keith Owens is the new editor of the Michigan Chronicle. He was most recently a communications consultant but worked at the Chronicle earlier in his career. He also did Communications for Wayne County's Treasurer's Office, was an opinion columnist for the Freep and wrote for Metro Times. Article about Keith's hiring:

http://www.freep.com/story/money/business/michigan/2015/08/07/michigan-chronicle-editor/31282199/

Last interview: 5/28/15 at Mackinac (with Bankole who now left the Chronicle)

Market: Southeast Michigan- online at michiganchronicle.com

Contact: Hiram Cell: 3 Office: 313-963-5522

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Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 11:02 AM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

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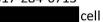
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Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 2:33 PM **To:** Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Subject: Fwd: Third-Party review question

Where we at with this announcement?

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From: "Wisely, John" < wisely@freepress.com>
Date: October 19, 2015 at 12:52:49 PM EDT

To: "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" < \\u00fc\u00e4rfel8@michigan.gov>

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Send him our way, pls - we're going to say something like this for now "Pulling together this after action review team and plan is actively underway now. We'll have something to announce and discuss soon."

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From: Biehl, Laura (GOV)

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 3:42 PM

To: Bedan, Morgan (GOV)

Cc: Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Tuesday Radio media briefings

RDS- LIVE radio interview with Rick Albin on WOOD Radio

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015

Time: 7:20-7:30 a.m.

Call right at 7:20, live within 2 minutes

RDS to call: 616-451-0566

Purpose: To update listeners about your work to improve education in Detroit, discuss proposed legislation and why this impacts the rest of the state.

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AP: Gov. Snyder: Michigan liable if Detroit schools not fixed - http://www.wral.com/gov-snyder-michigan-liable-if-detroit-schools-not-fixed/14986215/

Michigan Radio: Gov. Snyder proposes new plan to overhaul Detroit's school system - http://michiganradio.org/post/gov-snyder-proposes-new-plan-overhaul-detroits-school-system#stream/0 Detroit News: Snyder details plans to fix Detroit schools; could cost state \$715 million - http://www.crainsdetroit.com/article/20151019/NEWS/151019869/snyder-fixing-detroit-schools-could-cost-state-715-million

Mlive: How Snyder plans to sell his \$715 million plan for Detroit schools to Michigan lawmakers (MLive) - http://www.mlive.com/lansing-news/index.ssf/2015/10/how_snyder_plans_to_sell_his_7.html#incart_river_home

Last interview: Last radio 8/25/15 during China trip; Last Albin interview 10/7/2015

Market: West Michigan and online at woodradio.com

Contact: 616-451-0566; Back-up: Rick cell: (

RDS- LIVE radio interview with Paul W. Smith on WJR

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015

Time: 7:35-7:45 a.m.

Call right at 7:35, live within 1 minute

RDS to call: 313-875-4480

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Last interview: 10/9/15 at Goodfellows breakfast

Market: Southeast Michigan- online at wjr.com

Contact: 313-875-4480 (studio); Backup: (Producer Ann Thomas Cell)

RDS- TAPED Radio interview with Beth Fisher or Jackie Paige of WWJ Radio

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015

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Last interview: 9/12/15 from Japan/Germany

Market: Southeast Michigan- online at wwj.com

Contact: 248-945-9950 (studio); Back-up: (News Director Rob Davidek cell)

RDS-TAPED Radio interview with Frank Beckmann on WJR Radio

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015

Time: 8:20-8:30 a.m.

RDS to call: 313-872-7600

Purpose: To update listeners about your work to improve education in Detroit, discuss proposed legislation and why this impacts the rest of the state.

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Last interview: 10/2/15 re: Ambassador trip in San Fran and roads

Market: Southeast Michigan- online at wir.com

Contact: Studio- 313-872-7600: Back-up: Producer Terri Leib cell-

RDS-LIVE Radio interview with Michael Patrick Shiels on Michigan's Big Show

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015

Time: 8:35-8:45 a.m.

Call right at 8:35, live within 1 minute

RDS to call: 517-485-7925

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Last interview: 5/28/15 at Mackinac conference

Market: Mid, West, Northern MI- online at mibigshow.com

Contact: Studio: 517-485-7925; Back-up: (Producer Tony Cuthbert cell)

RDS- LIVE Radio interview with Richard Piet on WBCK Radio

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015

Time: 8:50-9 a.m.

Call right at 8:50, live within 1 minute

RDS to call: 269-963-3955

Purpose: To update listeners about your work to improve education in Detroit, discuss proposed legislation and why this impacts the rest of the state.

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Last interview: 4/8/15 with Renk; last talked to Richard after State of the State

Market: Southwest Michigan / online – wbckfm.com

Contact: 269-963-3955; backup: 269-963-6397

RDS- LIVE Radio interview with Stephen Henderson on WDET Radio

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015

Time: 9:05-9:25 a.m.

Call right at 9:05, live within 2 minutes

RDS to call: 313-577-1019

Purpose: To update listeners about your work to improve education in Detroit, discuss proposed legislation and why this impacts the rest of the state.

Possible Topics:

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Last interview: 5/28/15 at Mackinac

NOTE: WDET will allow a few callers to ask questions.

Market: Southeast Michigan- online at www.wdet.org

Contact: Studio: 313-577-1019; back-up: 313-577-7685 (Laura Weber Davis desk) second back-up: (Laura Weber

Davis cell)

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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 4:20 PM **To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Fwd: PRESS RELEASE: Mayor Dayne Walling Response to MDEQ's Admission of Fault

in Flint's Water Emergency

Attachments: Mayor Response to MDEQ Statement 10.19.15.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Wow.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jason Lorenz <<u>jiorenz@cityofflint.com</u>> **Date:** October 19, 2015 at 4:11:25 PM EDT

To: undisclosed-recipients:;

Subject: PRESS RELEASE: Mayor Dayne Walling Response to MDEQ's Admission of

Fault in Flint's Water Emergency

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Dayne Walling Mayor



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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent:Monday, October 19, 2015 5:02 PMTo:Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: PROPOSED flint journal response.

The DEQ felt it important to acknowledge its responsibility for misinterpreting a federal protocol. We believe it is a critical step to rebuilding trust and confidence in the community.

That recognition is coupled with our demonstrated commitment to actions – near-term and long-term, to do what is necessary to ensure city residents have safe drinking water.

The Governor's after-action review is expected to bring more clarity and provide more answers on what has already happened. The DEQ is now focused on helping implement the Governor's plan – an unprecedented effort to bring resources to protecting the community and addressing lead concerns.

From: Ronald Fonger [mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com]

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 4:13 PM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Subject: FW: PRESS RELEASE: Mayor Dayne Walling Response to MDEO's Admission of Fault in Flint's Water Emergency

Any comment from your office?

Ron Fonger

MLive Media Group Reporter

mobile email rfonger1@mlive.com

address 540 S. Saginaw St. #101, Flint MI 48502

From: Jason Lorenz [mailto:ilorenz@citvofflint.com]

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 4:11 PM

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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 5:13 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)
Cc: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Subject: Re: Third-Party review question

Please do!

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 19, 2015, at 5:11 PM, Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov > wrote:

I know this one and can call John.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 19, 2015, at 2:32 PM, Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) < Wurfel @michigan.gov > wrote:

Where we at with this announcement?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wisely, John" < wisely@freepress.com>
Date: October 19, 2015 at 12:52:49 PM EDT

To: "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" < Wurfel & @michigan.gov>

Subject: Third-Party review question

Brad:

The statement from Dan Wyant includes this:

The Governor has called for an independent, third-party afteraction review.

Questions:

Who/what is the third party?

Is it the legislature?

A committee of experts to be appointed?

Senate Minority leader (from Flint) wants legislative review. Is that

something the state is prepared to assist with?

Please let me know asap.

John Wisely Reporter Phone: 313-222-6825 jwisely@freepress.com Follow me on Twitter: @jwisely

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From: Michelle Zdrodowski <michelle.zdrodowski@detroitk12.org>

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 5:13 PM

Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Baird, Richard (GOV); Paul Conners; Saxton, Thomas To:

(Treasury); Khouri, Nick (TREASURY); Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Workman, Wayne

(TREASURY); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); haddenf@michigan.gov

Darnell Earley; Kelly Rossman-McKinney Cc:

Subject: Earley Flint Water OpEd-FOR REVIEW AND INPUT

Attachments: Earley Flint Water Op-Ed_DRAFT5.docx

All,

Darnell Earley asked that I send you the draft of an OpEd regarding the Flint Water issue that he would like to send to the media this week.

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Thank you.

Michelle Z.

Michelle A. Zdrodowski

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Detroit, MI 48202-2710

Op/Ed Re: Changes to Flint Water System Made By Local Leaders, Not EM

Author: Darnell Earley, ICMA-CM, MPA

It is critically important that the record be set straight about the decision-making and approval processes that led to Flint joining the Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA) with the use of Flint River water as the interim water supply. Contrary to reports in the media and rhetoric being espoused by individuals, the decision was made at the local level, by local civic leaders.

The fact of the matter is that the decision to separate from Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and go with the KWA, which included the decision to pump Flint River water in the interim, were both a part of a long-term plan that was approved by Flint's Mayor, and confirmed by a City Council vote of 7-1 on March 25, 2013. This plan was presented to me when I was appointed as Flint Emergency Manager - a full seven months after City Council's affirmative vote.

Genesse County Drain Commissioner Jeff Wright also made the affirmative vote by the City Council a necessary condition of joining the KAW, and applauded the decision in a March 26, 2013 news release, saying, "...I have said from the beginning that this decision must be made by Flint's City Council and Mayor...I am glad that the residents of Flint were able to have their voices heard via their elected officials."

The Mayor's approval of the plan, and the subsequent near unanimous vote by City Council were in no way coerced, forced or demanded by the State, nor any Emergency Manager. Council's affirmative vote was supported and officially signed into emergency order by then Emergency Manager Edward Kurtz on March 29, 2013. A subsequent order Kurtz signed on June 26, 2013, speaks specifically to the, "... upgrading of the Flint Water Plant to ready it to treat water from the Flint River to serve as the primary drinking water source for approximately two years and then converting to KWA delivered lake water."

When I began my term as Emergency Manager in October 2013, it fell to me to oversee the implementation of the previously accepted and approved plans, as the contract with DWSD expired in April 2014. It did not fall to me to question, second guess or to invalidate the actions that were taken prior to my appointment.

At the time the decision was made there was no way to predict such an unfortunate outcome. I would also offer that had local leaders known then what they know now, parts of their decision may have been entirely different. What the City of Flint and the State of Michigan are now dealing with is the management of an unintended consequence resulting in a negative outcome from an otherwise sound public policy decision. There is no "blame" to affix for that.

As the solutions are put into place to address the serious concerns at hand, I believe that everyone's attention should turn toward another serious concern -- what is being done in the long-term to replace the aged and

crumbling water distribution systems that exits throughout Flint and Genesee County, which was a major contributing factor to this serious issue in the first place.

I am a strong believer that the truth supported by fact, speaks for itself. This was a local decision that was made by local civic leaders. Anyone who says otherwise is being disingenuous for whatever reason. In the words of Mahatma Ghandi, "Truth never damages a cause that is just."

From: Agen, Jarrod (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 9:29 AM

To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Cc: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Earley Flint Water OpEd-FOR REVIEW AND INPUT

He absolutely needs to drop the Ghandi quote.

From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 9:21 AM

To: Agen, Jarrod (GOV) < Agen1@michigan.gov>
Cc: Murray, David (GOV) < MurrayD1@michigan.gov>

Subject: FW: Earley Flint Water OpEd-FOR REVIEW AND INPUT

On my calendar to review this morning. Somewhat of a tricky box.

From: Michelle Zdrodowski [mailto:michelle.zdrodowski@detroitk12.org]

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 5:53 PM

To: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV) < <u>muchmored@michigan.gov</u>>; Baird, Richard (GOV) < <u>bairdr@michigan.gov</u>>; Paul Conners < <u>connersp@michigan.gov</u>>; Saxton, Thomas (Treasury) < <u>SaxtonT@michigan.gov</u>>; Khouri, Nick (TREASURY)

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<<u>WorkmanW@michigan.gov</u>>; Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <<u>Wurfels@michigan.gov</u>>; Murray, David (GOV)

<MurrayD1@michigan.gov>; haddenf@michigan.gov

Cc: Darnell Earley detroitk12.org; Kelly Rossman-McKinney krossman@truscottrossman.com

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Executive Director of Communications Detroit Public Schools 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, 14th Floor Detroit, MI 48202 313.873.3238, office From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 12:14 PM **To:** 'Jacob Kanclerz'; Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: RELEASE: Progress Michigan: MDEQ's Wyant Needs to Go

How is this another story after yesterday's MIRS and this is from then too?

From: Jacob Kanclerz [mailto:jacob@mirsnews.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 11:59 AM

To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) < Wurfels@michigan.gov >; Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov >

Subject: Fwd: RELEASE: Progress Michigan: MDEQ's Wyant Needs to Go

Sara and Dave,

Good morning (still). Thanks for your help in tightening up the DPS alert yesterday.

Would you guys mind providing a response to this and also the Dems calling for Wyant to step down yesterday? Gov. Snyder holds the power to make this decision, so I'd like to know if he would consider doing this as the state evaluates how it handled the Flint water situation. Thank you.

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From: Progress Michigan progress@progressmichigan.org>

Date: Tue, Oct 20, 2015 at 10:52 AM

Subject: RELEASE: Progress Michigan: MDEQ's Wyant Needs to Go

To: Jacob Kanclerz < iacob@mirsnews.com>

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

News from Progress Michigan

October 20, 2015

Contact: Sam Inglot, 616-916-0574, sam@progressmichigan.org

Progress Michigan: MDEQ's Wyant Needs to Go

The Flint water crisis shows a lack of leadership at the MDEQ

LANSING — In the wake of the Flint water crisis, where children across the city were poisoned with high levels of lead in the drinking water, Progress Michigan is calling for the ouster of the head of the Michigan

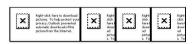
Department of Environmental Quality, Dan Wyant.

Recent reports show that Wyant and the MDEQ were warned by the Environmental Protection Agency as early as February that lead was leaching into the water pipes in Flint due to the corrosive nature of the Flint River water. Gov. Rick Snyder's emergency manager made the switch from Detroit water to Flint River water.

"You can't simply reshuffle some staff at the department to make up for poisoning thousands of Flint children. When families and kids are told their drinking water is safe and it's actually filled with toxins, someone needs to be held accountable. It starts at the top with Wyant," **said Lonnie Scott, executive director of Progress Michigan.** "He needs to resign immediately or Gov. Snyder needs to quickly show him the door. This crisis was allowed to fester and grow under his watch and Wyant needs to go. Families in Flint deserve to know that Gov. Snyder is taking this problem seriously and is willing to take serious action."

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From: Clayton, Stacie (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 1:00 PM

To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Cc: Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Emmitt, Beth (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV)

Subject: FW: Interview Request

Sara.

Harvey asked me to follow up on this request from Steve Hood. Does it look like this is something that can happen next week while the education plan is still top of mind?

Stacie

From: Steve Hood [mailto:steve@roninamerica.net]

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 11:00 AM

To: 'wurfels@michigan.gov' <wurfels@michigan.gov>

Subject: Interview Request

Sarah, I need 10 minutes with the Governor the week of the 26th to talk education and Flint Water. We can come to a location of his choosing.

Let me know if we can make this work.



RONIN AMERICA 14450 SCRIPPS DETROIT, MI 48215 EMAIL:STEVE@RONINAMERICA.NET Ph:313-737-9311 From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 1:14 PM **To:** Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Subject: Proposed response: FW: RELEASE: Progress Michigan: MDEQ's Wyant Needs to Go

Dan's response has been essentially this:

"The Governor will decide. He has called for an independent, third-party After Action Review. That group will review local decision, the water plant operation, DEQ's actions and the EPA's role, and offer its findings and recommendations to the Governor. He will do the right thing."

From: Jacob Kanclerz [mailto:jacob@mirsnews.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 12:40 PM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Subject: Re: RELEASE: Progress Michigan: MDEQ's Wyant Needs to Go

Never mind, you can stand down on this. We're going to write a story about Ananich wanting Senate Oversight to look into Wyant/DEQ. I don't have the audio yet to give you specific details, but if you want to comment on that prospect that would also work for me.

On Tue, Oct 20, 2015 at 11:57 AM, Jacob Kanclerz < jacob@mirsnews.com > wrote: Brad,

Good morning. Would you mind calling me about this? Both the Dems and Progress MI are asking for Director Wyant to step down. I would like to know if that's an appropriate response to this situation. Let me know when you get a chance. Thanks.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Progress Michigan** progress(a)progressmichigan.org>

Date: Tue, Oct 20, 2015 at 10:52 AM

Subject: RELEASE: Progress Michigan: MDEQ's Wyant Needs to Go

To: Jacob Kanclerz < jacob@mirsnews.com>



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News from Progress Michigan

October 20, 2015

Contact: Sam Inglot, 616-916-0574, sam@progressmichigan.org

Progress Michigan: MDEQ's Wyant Needs to Go

The Flint water crisis shows a lack of leadership at the MDEQ

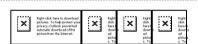
LANSING — In the wake of the Flint water crisis, where children across the city were poisoned with high levels of lead in the drinking water, Progress Michigan is calling for the ouster of the head of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Dan Wyant.

Recent reports show that Wyant and the MDEQ were warned by the Environmental Protection Agency as early as February that lead was leaching into the water pipes in Flint due to the corrosive nature of the Flint River water. Gov. Rick Snyder's emergency manager made the switch from Detroit water to Flint River water.

"You can't simply reshuffle some staff at the department to make up for poisoning thousands of Flint children. When families and kids are told their drinking water is safe and it's actually filled with toxins, someone needs to be held accountable. It starts at the top with Wyant," **said Lonnie Scott, executive director of Progress Michigan.** "He needs to resign immediately or Gov. Snyder needs to quickly show him the door. This crisis was allowed to fester and grow under his watch and Wyant needs to go. Families in Flint deserve to know that Gov. Snyder is taking this problem seriously and is willing to take serious action."

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From: Sabella, Anthony <anthony.sabella@abc12.com> Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 2:04 PM To: Murray, David (GOV) Subject: Re: Anthony's email Got it! Thanks Anthony Sabella **ABC12 News** > On Oct 20, 2015, at 2:02 PM, "Murray, David (GOV)" < MurrayD1@michigan.gov> wrote: > Anthony, > Sorry I missed you yesterday. > > Gov. Snyder has said that the state is talking some remedial action after a Department of Environmental Quality staff member mistakenly applied standards of the Lead and Copper Rule intended for smaller cities. > There have been some staff changes at the DEQ. But, more importantly, Gov. Snyder has called for an after action report on the decision-making surrounding some aspects of the Flint water challenges. The group that will be charged with the carrying out the report is still being assembled, but it is expected to be a bipartisan committee that includes experts in the field that will ask tough questions so we can be better prepared moving forward. > Hope this helps! > Dave > -----Original Message-----> From: Sabella, Anthony [mailto:anthony.sabella@abc12.com] > Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 2:01 PM > To: Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov> > Subject: Anthony's email > Whoops! > Anthony Sabella > ABC12 News

Subject: RDS/SW- TAPED TV interview with Christy McDonald, Stephen Henderson and Ingrid

Jacques on DPTV's MI Week

Location: DPTV- 1 Clover Ct, Wixom, MI 48393

Start: Wed 10/21/2015 1:30 PM **End:** Wed 10/21/2015 2:00 PM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: GovCalendar

Required Attendees: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV)

Purpose: To update listeners about your work to improve education in Detroit, discuss proposed legislation and why this impacts the rest of the state.

Possible Topics:

- Detroit schools reform
- EAA/FBI probe
- Roads
- Flint water

Recent articles:

Freep: Snyder's plan to overhaul DPS could cost \$715M - http://www.freep.com/story/news/2015/10/19/snyder-offers-more-details-detroit-schools-plan/74208674/

Detroit News: Snyder's Detroit school reform tab: \$715M over 10 years-

http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/detroit-city/2015/10/19/detroit-education-reform/74207124/

AP: Gov. Snyder: Michigan liable if Detroit schools not fixed - http://www.wral.com/gov-snyder-michigan-liable-if-detroit-schools-not-fixed/14986215/

Michigan Radio: Gov. Snyder proposes new plan to overhaul Detroit's school system -

http://michiganradio.org/post/gov-snyder-proposes-new-plan-overhaul-detroits-school-system#stream/0 Detroit News: Snyder details plans to fix Detroit schools; could cost state \$715 million -

http://www.crainsdetroit.com/article/20151019/NEWS/151019869/snyder-fixing-detroit-schools-could-cost-state-715-million

Mlive: How Snyder plans to sell his \$715 million plan for Detroit schools to Michigan lawmakers (MLive) -

http://www.mlive.com/lansing-news/index.ssf/2015/10/how snyder plans to sell his 7.html#incart river home

NOTE: Nolan is on vacation in Paris, Ingrid is filling in for him. Segment will be live-streamed on DPTV's website but aired on Thursday.

Last interview: 6/5/15 with Ariel at Vets event, last MI week taping 3/20/15

Market: Detroit Metro / online - dptv.org

Contact: Daphne cell: I Back-up: Christy cell:

From: Boville, Daniela (GOV)

Sent:Wednesday, October 21, 2015 8:33 AMTo:Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Cc: Agen, Jarrod (GOV)

Subject: PHONE MESSAGE- Jennifer Eisner

Name: Jennifer Eisner

MDHHS

Topic: Following up to Sara's call regarding Governor's interview on the topic of Flint.

Phone: 534-64

Daniela Boville Communications Intern Governor Snyder 517-335-6397 From: Dickinson, Sarah (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 11:04 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV) **Subject:** RE: Flint task force

They're on my desk - I have to step out right now!

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 11:01 AM

To: Dickinson, Sarah (GOV) < Dickinson S@michigan.gov>

Subject: Flint task force

Thank you, Sarah. If you could print both sides it would be super helpful!

Dave Murray

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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 12:34 PM
To: Murray, David (GOV), Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Subject: FW: Flint Journal-MLive seeking comment on these requests for EPA investigation Attachments: 2015.10.21 EPA Review Request FINAL.pdf; 10-21-15, Letter, EPA-McCarthy.pdf

Review and call me please.

From: Ronald Fonger [mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 12:12 PM **To:** Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); <u>cassell.peter@epa.gov</u>

Subject: Flint Journal-MLive seeking comment on these requests for EPA investigation

Hi. We are seeking comment on these requests. I'm working on it as I send this but will add any comment from you when I receive it.

Thanks,

Ron Fonger

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Regional Administrator

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Re: EPA Review Needed on Flint, Michigan Water Treatment

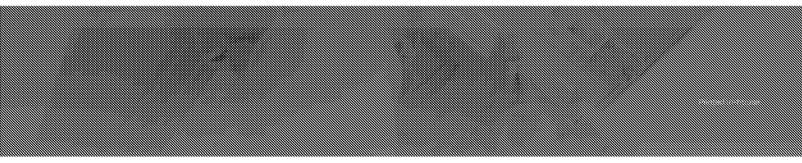
Administrator McCarthy and Regional Director Hedman,

Today Congressman Dan Kildee requested that the United States Environmental Protection Agency conduct an investigation into the water system in Flint, Michigan. I agree that such an investigation is vital to ensuring that the people responsible for Flint's dangerous water quality are held accountable. Similar to Congressman Kildee's request, I am requesting the EPA conduct a review of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) oversight of water treatment in Flint as provided for in the Lead and Copper Rule, 40 CFR Sec. 141.80.

After decades of relying on water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), Flint began treating its own water from the Flint River in April 2014 at the behest of state-appointed Emergency Managers. DWSD had used — and continues to use — anti-corrosion treatments in its water to prevent lead leaching from an aging infrastructure into residents' drinking water. For a number of reasons, raw water from the Flint River is significantly more corrosive than the lake water that DWSD uses. Despite this, Flint chose not to treat the raw Flint River water by any method traditionally associated with preventing lead corrosion. Multiple consultants and the EPA advised the city to use additional corrosion control measures, but that advice went unheeded by the City of Flint and the MDEQ.

Foreseeably, lead has been seeping into Flint's drinking water for more than a year, causing an alarming rise in the number of children in Flint with elevated blood lead levels. Independent research conducted by Virginia Tech professor Marc Edwards indicated high lead levels in tap water, and a study led by Hurley Medical Center pediatrician Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha revealed that in high-risk areas of the city, the rate of lead overexposure among children more than doubled since switching water sources. State data have confirmed these results.

Additionally, several questions remain regarding how Flint and state officials conducted water sampling under the Lead and Copper Rule. Allegedly, officials did not target samples in high-risk Tier 1 locations or repeat locations in subsequent tests. Consumers were also instructed to pre-flush their taps prior to collecting samples, resulting in lower lead level results. It is unclear whether a sufficient number of samples were taken or why MDEQ excluded two high lead level samples from Flint's July 2015 water quality report.





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The State of Michigan has pledged to help reconnect the City of Flint to DWSD and take additional steps to help remediate the lead problem. However, these are stopgap measures that will never undo the damage already done.

Ultimately, the EPA retains the ability and responsibility to oversee the state's efforts to obtain and maintain safe drinking water for its residents. As such, I appreciate that the EPA has established the Flint Safe Drinking Water Task Force. However, it also is within the EPA's power to review the actions of MDEO and the City of Flint as they pertain to lead testing and treatment under the Lead and Copper Rule. We want to ensure Flint remains compliant once it switches its permanent water source to the Karegnondi Water Authority.

I respectfully request that, under 40 CFR Sec. 142.19, Regional Administrator Hedman review MDEQ's determinations regarding corrosion control for lead in Flint, Michigan. Regardless of the findings, I am also requesting that Regional Administrator Hedman make public all evidence gathered during the course of that review. Michigan citizens deserve to know whether MDEQ is operating safely and effectively.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at senjananich@senate.mi.gov or (517) 373-0142. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Senate Democratic Leader

District 27

cc:

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Ms. Gina McCarthy Administrator Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20460

Administrator McCarthy:

As you know from our phone call last week, the Flint water crisis remains a critically important issue. It has become clear to me that unacceptable lead levels were a failure of government at every level. This includes both at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Despite evidence presented indicating the water quality was unsafe, repeated assurances were given by both the MDEQ and EPA that the water was safe to consume. Now we have leamed that lead levels for months have been at dangerous levels that could potentially cause irreparable harm to Flint residents, particularly children, the elderly and those with weak immune systems.

In order to restore confidence, and to ensure that these failures never happen again, I believe that the EPA needs to conduct a thorough investigation into the causes of the water problems in Flint. The failure of government to provide safe drinking water to Flint is unacceptable, and there must be accountability.

Specifically, I am requesting assurances that, at a minimum, the EPA conduct a full review of its oversight of state programs, given delegated authority through the Safe Drinking Water Act and whether the MDEQ properly enforced the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) and other safe drinking water programs. Additionally, an investigation that fully answers the following questions:

- Was the EPA aware that the MDEQ was using guidelines under the LCR that applied to cities with a population of less than 50,000 and not for the population of Flint, which is 99,000?
- Did the EPA notify MDEQ that the city of Flint should add a corrosion control treatment (CCT) to their drinking water following the switch to the Flint River?
- When did the EPA become aware that the city of Flint was using a lime softening agent as a CCT?

- What actions did the EPA take once they learned MDEQ was not requiring the city of Flint to use a proper CCT?
- Did EPA evaluate the testing guidelines that MDEQ was using in the city of Flint?
- When did the EPA first become aware of the potential elevated lead levels in Flint's water?
- After becoming aware of the potential elevated levels of lead, was the EPA required to notify anyone? If the EPA is not required to notify anyone, why not?
- Is there anything that prevents the EPA from notifying federally elected officials of potentially unsafe water in the city of Flint?
- Since switching to the Flint River, has EPA verified the city of Flint's compliance with the LCR themselves?
- Has EPA reviewed MDEQ's performance in regards to its delegated authority to enforce the LCR and other Safe Drinking Water Act regulations? If not, how come?

Unfortunately, the citizens of Flint are the victims in this situation. They deserve a thorough investigation and answers to these questions.

Due to the immediate need of the community, I am requesting a response by Tuesday, October 27, 2015. If you are unable or unwilling to conduct a thorough and independent review, I ask that you inform me by that date so I can move forward in seeking the answers my community deserves.

I look forward to hearing from you on this critical and important matter.

Sincerely,

Dan Kildee

MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Subject: Flint actions meeting

Location: Con Hall 6th floor Director's conference room

Start: Wed 10/21/2015 4:30 PM **End:** Wed 10/21/2015 5:00 PM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Required Attendees: Moon, Jason (LARA); Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

(Wurfels@michigan.gov); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS);

Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Holton, Jennifer (MDARD)

We need proactive media. Want everyone to come with whatever they have in the hopper so we can figure out how to mobilize a steady string of proactive Flint news without tripping over one another, and consider news opportunities as a group.

Thanks.

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From: Ackerman, Darin (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 1:21 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Flint Task Force release notification

Do they already know about this?

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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 1:14 PM

To: Ackerman, Darin (GOV) <ackermand3@michigan.gov>; Lange, Michelle (GOV) <LangeM3@michigan.gov>; Posthumus, Dick

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To: Baird, Richard (GOV)

Cc: Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Lyon, Nick (DHHS); VanSickle, Michele (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Draft Scope - for member review

Attachments: Flint Water Task Force.draftscope.211015.docx

Rich - The Flint Water Task Force members asked for a draft scope prior to the announcement being made this afternoon. Hopefully, I captured their intent in the attached document. Could you forward this document to the members after you have had a chance to review?

Thanks,

Madhu R. Anderson

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Deputy Director, Economic & Strategic Initiatives

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DEQ

(DRAFT) FLINT WATER ADVISORY TASK FORCE AFTER-ACTION REVIEW

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GOALS

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- Assess future practices
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 - Recommend changes in law, procedure, or practice to ensure all Michiganders are drinking safe water

From: Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS)

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 1:54 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Cc: Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS)

Subject: Re: Flint water notifications

We will send the release to the contacts once it is out. Please make sure we get the final PDF.

Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 2:09 PM **To:** Murray, David (GOV); Clayton, Stacie (GOV)

Subject: RE: Flint task force notifications

Calls made.

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Hello Harvey,

Sara asked that I send this to you for notifications. Would you be able to reach out to the Mott Foundation, pastors group and Mayor Walling's Office? The plan is to issue between 2 and 2:30, with potential notifications around 2 p.m.

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To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV);

Anderson, Madhu (DEQ)

Subject:Advisory Task Force media Q&AAttachments:After-Action Review Q&A.docx

This is the media Q&A we put together for the task force members. Let me know what changes you'd like to see.

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After-Action Review Q&A

Is the Flint Water Advisory Task Force independent? They were appointed by the Governor.

None of the task force members are city, state or federal employees, and none have been previously involved in the drinking water situation in Flint. They bring diverse expertise in pediatrics and internal medicine, environmental protection, water and wastewater asset management, and environmental policy. We are pleased to have their participation.

What is the task force's scope and mission?

The Flint Water Advisory Task Force will look at the procedures and protocols used by the City of Flint, the Michigan DEQ and the U.S. EPA during and after its switch to using the Flint River as its source of drinking water. The group will also review whether the present procedures, protocols, statutes, policies and rules that govern drinking water systems are enough to protect the public health of Michigan residents.

Will the Flint Water Advisory Task Force look at corrosion control and the Lead and Copper Rule?

Yes. If necessary, the Flint Water Advisory Task Force could include proposed amendments to the Lead and Copper Rule or other protocols regulating corrosion control in its final report to the Governor.

What types of information will the task force look at to make its determinations? The Flint Water Advisory Task Force will have any and all information at its disposal, including reports, emails, permits and any other documents needed.

Will the task force be empowered to fire anyone, or is that a recommendation they can make?

The task force's after-action review is focused on proactive recommendations to prevent future problems with lead in drinking water and to better protect public health statewide. They will offer a comprehensive set of recommendations they deem appropriate to the situation.

Is the panel made up of drinking water or lead experts?

The panel includes four members with diverse expertise in water and medicine. Their areas of specialty include pediatrics and internal medicine, environmental protection, water and wastewater asset management, and environmental policy, and we are pleased to bring their experience to the issue.

How long is the after-action review going to take?

The Flint Water Advisory Task Force will summarize its work in a report to be presented to the Governor within 90 days.

So will the results and the report to the Governor be made public?

The full report will be made public.

How does this help the people of Flint?

The after-action review is designed specifically to ensure the state learns from the experience in Flint and can better protect public health going forward. In the meantime, the city has reconnected to the Great Lakes Water Authority, and residents are encouraged to continue to use water filters and other protective measures to ensure safe drinking water while the long-term fixes of connecting to the Karegnondi Water Authority and replacing outdated local lead infrastructure is completed.

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 3:05 PM

To: Kaffer, Nancy

Cc: Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Subject: RE: Flint schools test data

Nancy.

Check out <u>www.mi.gov/flintwater</u> for all the latest information on the Flint water situation. http://mi.gov/deg/0,4561.7-135-3313 3675 73946---,00.html

The initial schools screens are here:

http://mi.gov/documents/deg/Flint Community Schools Testing Results Initial Screen 502382 7.pdf

From: Kaffer, Nancy [mailto:nkaifer@freepress.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 1:43 PM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Cc: Tanner, Kristi

Subject: Flint schools test data

Hey Brad – still looking for that lead test data for Flint schools. Advise on ETA?

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To: Cassell, Peter; Ronald Fonger

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Subject: RE: Flint Journal-MLive seeking comment on these requests for EPA investigation

Attachments: PR 151020 Flint after action 6.pdf

Please attribute this to a DEQ spokesman or DEQ.

The DEQ is aware of these letters from our elected officials.

The Governor today announced the state's Flint Water Task Force – an independent group of experts called to address many of the points of concern expressed by the Senator and the Congressman.

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Please attribute this to an EPA spokesperson or the EPA.

"EPA has received the letters from Congressman Kildee and State Senator Ananich and will review them"

Thanks!

Pete Cassell Press Officer

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Thanks.

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Thanks Karen – as you all are looking at this, let's decide what the <u>name</u> of the task force is so we are consistent in documents, etc. – we will need to clear that name with the chairs of the task force. David can you follow up on this with Rich Baird?

Options:

Flint Water Advisory Task Force Flint Water Task Force Others?



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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 3:02 PM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV); Anderson, Madhu (DEQ)

Subject: Advisory Task Force media Q&A

This is the media Q&A we put together for the task force members. Let me know what changes you'd like to see.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 4:14 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Re: Caught a typo in your bio paragraph

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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 6:03 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV); Ackerman, Darin (GOV); Posthumus, Dick (GOV)

Subject: RE: Flint Task Force release notification

Rep. Neeley is interested in how the Governor came up with the composition of the board- is there anything I can tell him in that regard?

Thanks.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 1:14 PM

To: Ackerman, Darin (GOV) <ackermand3@michigan.gov>; Lange, Michelle (GOV) <LangeM3@michigan.gov>;

Posthumus, Dick (GOV) < Posthumusd@michigan.gov>

Subject: Flint Task Force release notification

Hello Legislative Team,

Sara asked that I send this to you for legislative notifications, particularly Sen. Ananich and Reps. Neeley and Phelps. Our goal is to release between 2:15 and 3 p.m., and ask that you wait until at least 2 before notifying.

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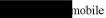
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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 12:27 PM

To: Fonger, Ronald (RFONGER1@mlive.com); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Statement from DEQ Director Dan Wyant

Regarding the meeting yesterday with Change Agent Consortium:

"We were not aware of the planned prayer vigil outside our headquarters, but we invited CAC leaders in to discuss their concerns and share information transparently.

We felt it was a positive conversation, and appreciated the chance to brief them on the unprecedented effort being made to protect Flint kids and families.

We also briefed them on the Governor's announced Flint Water Task Force, which will perform an independent review of local, state and federal roles in what has happened in Flint and make recommendations to the governor.

I serve at the pleasure of the Administration. I believe the Governor will gather all the facts and make the right decision at the appropriate time. Until then, we at the DEQ are singularly focused on implementing the state's plan to address lead issues in Flint and protect kids and families there."

Brad Wurfel
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cell

From: Wisniewski, Wendy (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 4:25 PM

To: Baird, Richard (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: FW: State Portion of Flint Water Reconnection

Attachments: Treasury Letter.pdf

From: Stoken, Laura (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 4:23 PM

To: Adamczyk, Lynne (GOV) <adamczykl@michigan.gov>; Wisniewski, Wendy (GOV) <wisniewskiw@michigan.gov>

; Muchmore,

Subject: FW: State Portion of Flint Water Reconnection

This came into the Governor's public facing account- I assume it's taken care since DM is on it.....

From: Workman, Wayne (TREASURY)

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 3:47 PM

To: Saxton, Thomas (Treasury) < Saxton T@michigan.gov>

Cc: Khouri, Nick (TREASURY) < Khourin@michigan.gov>; GovernorsOffice <

Dennis (GOV) < muchmored@michigan.gov>; nhenderson@cityofflint.com; Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

<<u>StantonT@michigan.gov</u>>; Ryan, Howard (Treasury) <<u>RyanH1@michigan.gov</u>>

Subject: Re: State Portion of Flint Water Reconnection

He is calling me at 4:00 and I will fill him in

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 22, 2015, at 3:43 PM, Rep. Sheldon Neeley (District 34) <SheldonNeeley@house.mi.gov> wrote:

Please see attached letter. Thanks for your cooperation.

Sheldon

<Treasury Letter.pdf>



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SHELDON A. NEELEY

ASSISTANT DEMOCRATIC WHIP STATE REPRESENTATIVE: COMMITTEES:
HEALTH POLICY
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

October 22, 2015

Department of the Treasury State of Michigan

Dear Treasurer Nick A. Khouri,

I write to you today concerning a serious matter involving the city of Flint and its switch to the Detroit water system.

Flint prepaid an escrow account of \$10 million for the switch and the state was obligated to significantly assist in this payment. The Detroit Water Authority required this set-up prior to restoration of the water service to Flint. As a result, the city has expended substantial resources beyond their commitment in order to activate restoration of service.

Furthermore, the Ruth Mott Foundation will not release their supplemental funds because they subscribe to the plan of release for state funds.

I am asking you and the Department of the Treasury to release the remaining agreed upon funds, otherwise the city of Flint will face financial hardships even more disastrous than it has previously seen.

For the Love of the Community.

Sheldon A. Neeley, State Representative

34th District

CC: Governor Rick Snyder

Dennis Muchmore Wayne Workman Natasha Henderson





From: Michelle Zdrodowski <michelle.zdrodowski@detroitk12.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 6:46 PM

connersp@michigan.gov; Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Walsh, John (GOV); McPhee, To:

> Karen (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Khouri, Nick (TREASURY); Baird, Richard (GOV); Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Saxton, Thomas (Treasury); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Hollins,

Harvey (GOV)

Cc: Darnell Earley; Kelly Rossman-McKinney

Subject: Final Flint Water OpEd

Attachments: Flint Water Decision Clarification Op-Ed FINAL.pdf

All,

Attached is the final Flint Water OpEd that was submitted to the Flint Journal, DetNews, Freep, Michigan Chronicle this evening.

Any questions, please advise.

ΜZ

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Changes to Flint Water System Made By Local Leaders, Not Emergency Managers Author: Darnell Earley, ICMA-CM, MPA

It is critically important that the record be set straight about the decision-making and approval processes that led to Flint joining the Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA) with the use of Flint River water as the interim water supply. The fact is, that the river has served and been used as the back-up supply for decades, and this was the rationale given to me by staff and Mayor Walling, who also serves as chairperson of the KWA board. Contrary to reports in the media and rhetoric being espoused by individuals, the decision was made at the local level, by local civic leaders.

The decision to separate from Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and go with the KWA, which included the decision to pump Flint River water in the interim, were both a part of a long-term plan that was approved by Flint's Mayor, and confirmed by a City Council vote of 7-1 on March 25, 2013. This plan was presented to me when I was appointed as Flint Emergency Manager in October 2013 - a full seven months after City Council's affirmative vote.

Genesee County Drain Commissioner Jeff Wright also made the affirmative vote by the City Council a necessary condition of joining the KWA, and applauded the decision in a March 26, 2013 news release, saying, "...I have said from the beginning that this decision must be made by Flint's City Council and Mayor...I am glad that the residents of Flint were able to have their voices heard via their elected officials."

The Mayor's approval of the plan, and the subsequent near unanimous vote by City Council were in no way coerced, forced or demanded by the State, nor any Emergency Manager. Council's affirmative vote was supported and officially signed into EM Executive Order by then Emergency Manager Edward Kurtz on March 29, 2013. A subsequent order Kurtz signed on June 26, 2013, speaks specifically to the, "... upgrading of the Flint Water Plant to ready it to treat water from the Flint River to serve as the primary drinking water source for approximately two years and then converting to KWA delivered lake water."

When I began my term as Emergency Manager, it fell to me to oversee the implementation of the previously accepted and approved plans, as the DWSD terminated the contract with Flint in April 2014. It did not fall to me to question, second guess or to invalidate the actions that were taken prior to my appointment.

At the time the decision was made there was no way to predict such an unfortunate outcome. I would also offer that had local leaders known then what they know now, parts of their decision may have been entirely different. What the City of Flint and the State of Michigan are now dealing with is the management of an unintended consequence resulting in a negative outcome from an otherwise sound public policy decision. There is no "blame" to affix on any Emergency Manager for that.

As the solutions are put into place to address the serious concerns at hand, I believe that everyone's attention should now turn toward another serious concern -- what is being done in the long-term to replace the aged and crumbling water distribution systems that exists throughout Flint and Genesee County, which was a major contributing factor to this serious issue in the first place.

I am a strong believer that the truth supported by fact, speaks for itself. This was a local decision that was made by local civic leaders. Anyone who says otherwise is being disingenuous for whatever reason.

Sincerely,

Darnell Earley, ICMA-CM, MPA

Down Early

From: Bach, Katie (MSHDA)

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 8:10 PM

To: Biehl, Laura (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Subject: Fwd: Join Me Wednesday for an Update on Flint Water

Assuming you've seen this? It came to my Stare email.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Congressman Dan Kildee < MI05DKima@mail.house.gov>

Date: October 22, 2015 at 6:39:37 PM EDT

To: <back@michigan.gov>

Subject: Join Me Wednesday for an Update on Flint Water

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Dear ,				
The Flint water crisis is a failure of government at every level, and I am committed to increasing transparency and finding answers to ensure that these failures never happen again. That's why I have called for an investigation into the causes of water problems in Flint.				
Simply put, high lead levels in Flint's drinking water are unacceptable, and there must be accountability.				
As part of my ongoing efforts, I am holding a telephone town hall with constituents on Wednesday, October 28th, at 7 p.m. ET to provide an update on my efforts. I'll be joined by both Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha and Dr. Marc Edwards, who both conducted critical tests that exposed unacceptable lead levels in Flint. On the live call, we will also answer questions from Flint residents.				
If you're interested in joining ou	r conversation, plea	se RSVP <u>here,</u> or fill out the	o form below.	
What is your preferred Prefix (Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr., etc)? [] What is your First Name? [] What is your Last Name? [] What phone number would you like to use to participate in the telephone town hall?				

What is your Email Address?
What is your Address?
What is your Zip Code?
[RSVP!]
Click to open in a separate window

For months, I have been pressing state and federal agencies for immediate resources and action to improve and restore confidence in water quality. At the federal level, I am pushing for resources to ensure the safety of water, but also make much-needed repairs to our city's aging water system and infrastructure. The Flint Journal covered these federal efforts in March. You can view them here.

Additionally, I welcome the announcement recently that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will send technical advisors to Flint to assist the city and state. I have <u>repeatedly asked</u> the EPA to send these much-needed experts to help improve the water quality and hopefully restore some public confidence in the safety of our water.

Serious issues remain, and there is a long way to go before complete confidence in the city's drinking water is restored. I am committed to working to ensure that Flint residents get a thorough investigation and answers to their questions.

I hope you'll join me next Wednesday for a telephone town hall update on Flint water.

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From: Minicuci, Angela (DHHS)

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 9:12 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV)

Cc: Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Ridley, Nancy (DHHS)

Subject: Letters

Attachments: Provider letter_DRAFT3_edited.docx; Parent Letter_Draft 5_October 22.docx

Good morning,

Attached are the parent and provider letters that we have been working on. These are on the fast track and we need comments back to us as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Angela Minicuci

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Dear Provider:

As you may be aware from recent news reports, elevated levels of lead have been found in the City of Flint's water system.

To help protect the children of Flint from the current lead in water exposure, the Genesee County Health Department and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are contacting you to assist you in providing guidance to support your families.

Children can be exposed to lead from drinking water in lead pipes, old lead paint, soil, pottery, cosmetics and toys and some home remedies. Adult jobs and hobbies, like auto repair, stained glass and jewelry making, and ammunitions handling can also put children at risk if they touch clothing or play in areas where lead is found.

As a primary care provider, you play a critical role in helping to ensure that children and families exposed to lead receive the care and reassurances they need to manage the potential health impacts of lead poisoning.

Identification. Children suffering from lead poisoning often fail to present outward symptoms. However, early clinical symptoms can include anemia, anorexia, abdominal pain and constipation. Lead is a neuro-toxin, and exposure can result in violent and aggressive behaviors, lead to learning disorders, may cause Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and has been known to reduce IQ by as many as 5-8 points with levels as low as 10 ug/dL. Lead is metabolized through the gastrointestinal system similar to iron and calcium, with uptake rates depending on the size and weight of the child. The blood half-life of lead is short (approximately 1 month) but the bone half-life can extend into decades.

Due to multiple risk factors facing many residents in the City of Flint (including aging housing conditions and water quality), we recommend that all children under age 6 living in the City of Flint or living in homes that use Flint water, attending school or childcare in Flint, or who spend time with a caregiver in the City of Flint, receive a blood lead test. Blood lead testing should be done through a child's primary care doctor to ensure adequate short-term and long-term follow-up. *Families should be encouraged to have their children tested immediately either at their doctor's office or the Genesee County Health Department*.

Management of Blood Lead Levels. The following guidance is provided for management of childhood blood lead levels:

BLL < 5 ug/dL

- ➤ A lead level of less than 5 mcg/dL is not typically cause for concern.
- Provide education and anticipatory guidance to ensure that lead levels do not rise.
- Consider retesting in 12 months based on risk factors or concerns.

BLL >5 ug/dL

- Children with capillary results of 5 ug/dL and higher must have a confirmatory venous blood draw.
- Families should receive anticipatory guidance, nutrition counseling, instruction on safe cleaning techniques and appropriate follow-up care from their primary care provider.
- In-home services including case management and environmental investigations are available for all children with lead levels greater than 5 ug/dL. Refer patients to the Genesee County Health Department for this service.
- ➤ Children with confirmed venous testing results greater than 5ug/dL within the past 18 months must be retested based on Medicaid policy and AAP guidelines. (See attached "Provider Quick Reference). If a child has not been retested within these timeframes, retesting is recommended as soon as possible.

BLL > 44 ug/dL.

- Children with capillary results of 5 ug/dL and higher must have a confirmatory venous blood draw.
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Reminder: All children covered by Medicaid must be tested at age 1 and 2.

Follow-up Care. As providers, there are steps you can take to help support your families:

- 1. Continue to educate families regarding lead risks and preventative steps that they can take to minimize their risks.
- 2. Encourage your families to use filtered water for drinking, mixing formula and washing dishes. Families can contact 2-1-1 for information on free water filters.
- 3. Healthy nutrition is critical for lead-exposed children. Make sure your patients are consuming balanced diets high in iron, calcium and Vitamin C. If you have concerns about their nutrition, consider recommending a multivitamin with iron. WIC and SNAP provide assistance to parents and children who need fresh and healthy foods. Contact the Genesee County WIC office at (810) 237-4537 to learn more. In addition, SNAP offers a Double Bucks program that can provide healthy foods for less.
- 4. Breastfeeding is highly protective and encouraged. However, if the mother's blood lead level rises above 40ug/dL or her level is greater than 20 ug/dL and the baby has a level above 5 ug/dL breastfeeding is not recommended.
- 5. Because lead is a neuro-toxin, children with lead poisoning need longitudinal follow-up and may require developmental and behavioral health intervention services. Continue monitoring your patients' development at every visit.
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- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Web site www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead



October 22, 2015

Dear Parent,

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- What can I do to protect my family?
- Should I get my child tested for lead?
- Where can I find more information about lead?

Where does lead come from?

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Should my child get a blood lead test?

Children who live in the City of Flint, live in a home using City of Flint water, or who attend school, childcare or often spend time with a caregiver in the City of Flint should be tested for lead poisoning. This should be done as soon as possible.

Where should I go to get a blood lead test for my child?

The best place to get your child's blood lead test is your doctor's office. Your pediatrician will follow up with you on lab tests and provide you with information on what to do next. You can also have a lead test at the Genesee County Health Department. If you need transportation, contact 2-1-1 for help.

Understanding your child's lead test result.

A lead level below 5 means there is little or no lead in your child's blood. Use the tips below to help keep your child safe. Your doctor may suggest retesting your child within the next 12 months to make sure the level does not go up.

A lead level of 5-14 means that your child has had some exposure to lead. Work with your doctor and local health department for further guidance on how to limit your lead exposure. Your doctor may retest your child in 1-3 months to make sure the level does not go up.

Children with very high levels of lead (over 40) may require treatment at the hospital.

What Can I Do to Keep My Family Safe?

The following steps should be taken right away to help protect you and your child.

Protecting your family from lead in the water:

- Get your water tested for lead. It's free. Call 810-787-6537 to learn more.
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- If you do not have a water filter, use bottled water for drinking and mixing formula.
- When cooking or washing the dishes use filtered water. If using unfiltered water, run the water for at least five minutes before you use it.
- Always use cold water when cooking.

Safe cleaning:

Safe Cleaning is Important. Keeping your home clean and safe from lead hazards will help to protect your family.

- Keep children away from lead paint and dust.
- Use wet paper towels to clean up lead dust. Be sure to clean around windows, play areas and floors.
- Wash hands and toys often, using soap and water

Good nutrition:

Some foods will help keep lead from being stored in a child's body. These are foods with a lot of calcium, iron and vitamin C. These foods include:

Calcium Rich Foods	Iron Rich Foods	Foods with Vitamin C	
> Milk	Beans	Oranges	
➤ Cheese	Lean meats like fish	Orange juice	
Yogurt	and chicken	Grapefruits	
➤ Tofu	Whole grain cereals	Tomatoes	
Spinach	Peanut butter	Green peppers	

Always wash your fruits with filtered water. If you are concerned about your child's diet, talk with your pediatrician who may also recommend a daily multivitamin.

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From: Minicuci, Angela (DHHS)

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 1:07 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV)

Cc: Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Ridley, Nancy (DHHS)

Subject: RE: Letters

Attachments: Provider letter_DRAFT3_edited.docx; Parent Letter_Draft 5_October 22.docx; GCHD

MDHHS Letters PR DRAFT 2.docx

Importance: High

Hi everyone,

Following up on this. Do you have any concerns or edits? Additionally, we are working with GCHD to issue a joint release when these letters are sent. That's attached for your reference as well.

Thank you,

Angela

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Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 9:12 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov >; Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) < Wurfel B@michigan.gov >; Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

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Subject: Letters

Good morning,

Attached are the parent and provider letters that we have been working on. These are on the fast track and we need comments back to us as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Angela Minicuci

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Dear Provider:

As you may be aware from recent news reports, elevated levels of lead have been found in the City of Flint's water system.

To help protect the children of Flint from the current lead in water exposure, the Genesee County Health Department and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are contacting you to assist you in providing guidance to support your families.

Children can be exposed to lead from drinking water in lead pipes, old lead paint, soil, pottery, cosmetics and toys and some home remedies. Adult jobs and hobbies, like auto repair, stained glass and jewelry making, and ammunitions handling can also put children at risk if they touch clothing or play in areas where lead is found.

As a primary care provider, you play a critical role in helping to ensure that children and families exposed to lead receive the care and reassurances they need to manage the potential health impacts of lead poisoning.

Identification. Children suffering from lead poisoning often fail to present outward symptoms. However, early clinical symptoms can include anemia, anorexia, abdominal pain and constipation. Lead is a neuro-toxin, and exposure can result in violent and aggressive behaviors, lead to learning disorders, may cause Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and has been known to reduce IQ by as many as 5-8 points with levels as low as 10 ug/dL. Lead is metabolized through the gastrointestinal system similar to iron and calcium, with uptake rates depending on the size and weight of the child. The blood half-life of lead is short (approximately 1 month) but the bone half-life can extend into decades.

Due to multiple risk factors facing many residents in the City of Flint (including aging housing conditions and water quality), we recommend that all children under age 6 living in the City of Flint or living in homes that use Flint water, attending school or childcare in Flint, or who spend time with a caregiver in the City of Flint, receive a blood lead test. Blood lead testing should be done through a child's primary care doctor to ensure adequate short-term and long-term follow-up. *Families should be encouraged to have their children tested immediately either at their doctor's office or the Genesee County Health Department*.

Management of Blood Lead Levels. The following guidance is provided for management of childhood blood lead levels:

BLL < 5 ug/dL

- ➤ A lead level of less than 5 mcg/dL is not typically cause for concern.
- Provide education and anticipatory guidance to ensure that lead levels do not rise.
- Consider retesting in 12 months based on risk factors or concerns.

BLL >5 ug/dL

- Children with capillary results of 5 ug/dL and higher must have a confirmatory venous blood draw.
- Families should receive anticipatory guidance, nutrition counseling, instruction on safe cleaning techniques and appropriate follow-up care from their primary care provider.
- In-home services including case management and environmental investigations are available for all children with lead levels greater than 5 ug/dL. Refer patients to the Genesee County Health Department for this service.
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BLL > 44 ug/dL.

- Children with capillary results of 5 ug/dL and higher must have a confirmatory venous blood draw.
- Lead levels over 44 ug/dL may require hospitalization. Consult with an expert at the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit for additional guidance.
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- 2. Encourage your families to use filtered water for drinking, mixing formula and washing dishes. Families can contact 2-1-1 for information on free water filters.
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October 22, 2015

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Safe cleaning:

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GCHD and MDHHS Partner to Issue Guidance to Flint Parents, Providers

FLINT, Mich. – In a joint effort to continue education within the community around lead exposure, the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) today issued letters to the provider community and parents in Flint to assist in providing guidance to support families.

In response to the elevated blood lead levels found in some Flint children, GCHD and MDHHS have worked together closely and with Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha of the Hurley Medical Center to develop guidance for families and providers.

GCHD QUOTE

Parents are being provided information regarding lead testing, how to reduce lead exposure for your family, where lead comes from, and community and state resources for more information. Children can be exposed to lead from drinking water in lead pipes, old lead paint, soil, pottery, cosmetics and toys and some home remedies. Adult jobs and hobbies, like auto repair, stained glass and jewelry making, and ammunitions handling can also put children at risk if they touch clothing or play in areas where lead is found.

"As we continue to find ways to educate and guide the Flint community towards reducing lead exposures, we are appreciate of the collaboration with Genesee County Health Department and Dr. Attisha," said Dr. Eden Wells, Chief Medical Executive with MDHHS. "Parents and providers can take a number of steps to help reduce exposure, identify signs of lead poisoning, and begin follow up care as needed. Working together we can all help to protect the health of families in Flint."

Primary care providers can assist in helping to ensure that children and families exposed to lead receive the care and resources they need to manage the potential health impacts of lead poisoning. Guidance was provided to them regarding identification of lead poisoning, management of elevated blood lead levels, follow-up care, and community and state resources.

GCHD and MDHHS issued the following recommendations for parents:

- Families who live in the City of Flint and are on the Flint water system or who attend school, childcare, or spend time with a caregiver in the City of Flint, are encouraged to get their children tested for lead poisoning at their doctor's office or GCHD.
- Families can get their water tested for lead for free. Call 810-787-6537 for details about how.
- Families are encouraged to use a water filter in their home, and free filters are still available. Call 2-1-1 for information about where to pick up a free filter.
- When cooking or washing the dishes, use filtered water. If using unfiltered water, run the water for at least give minutes before you use it. Always use cold water when cooking.
- Safe cleaning can also reduce the risk of lead exposure in the home. Keep children away from lead paint
 and dust; use wet paper towels to clean up lead dust around windows, play areas and floors; and wash
 hands and toys often, using soap and water
- Lastly, always wash fruits with filtered water. Some foods help keep lead from being stored in the child's body, such as Calcium rich foods, Iron rich foods, and foods with Vitamin C.

GCHD and MDHHS will continue to provide more information to the community regarding reducing lead exposure and protecting the health of Flint residents. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/lead.

From: Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 1:24 PM

To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV); Kennedy, Jordan

(GOV)

Cc: Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS)

Subject: Robin Erb Interview - Dr. Wells

Hello -

Today Dr. Wells had a phone interview with Robin Erb regarding blood lead levels in Flint. Robin said she's hearing concern from parents who feel like they don't know what to do. Robin heard about the parent letter and wanted to know what it contains, when it will be going out, and what other steps we're taking to provide clear direction to residents. Dr. Wells confirmed that yes, we are working with the local health department to finalize a letter that will be distributed to parents in the next couple of days. Dr. Wells reminded her of the www.michigan.gov/flintwater website that has been up since the first week of October, and said that many of those documents are being distributed through various channels by our partner and provider networks. She also acknowledged that in some areas this can be a difficult to reach population, and so it's important that we think creatively about how to reach them – that we cannot rely solely on the news or internet. Dr. Wells emphasized that our priority population is children 0 – 6 years old, which is why the parent letters will be so beneficial.

Once the letter is ready to go, I told Robin we would share it with her. This is for a Sunday story.

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From: Minicuci, Angela (DHHS)

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Cc:Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS)Subject:RE: Lead Poisoning Prevention Awareness Week

Attachments: Lead Poisoning Prevention Week PR.docx

Good afternoon,

After our discussion the other day, attached is an edited release for lead poisoning prevention awareness week next week. Timing for this would be early next week. Thank you.

Angela

From: Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 3:43 PM

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Subject: Lead Poisoning Prevention Awareness Week

Team Gov:

Attached for your review please find a draft press release for lead poisoning prevention awareness week, Oct. 25 - 31. We are planning to issue this on Monday.

I haven't seen the proclamation come through – do you know if that's ready?

Thank you,

Jennifer Eisner
Public Information Officer
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All Michigan Families Encouraged to Learn More, Reduce Lead Exposure in Homes

LANSING, Mich. – Nearly half a million children in the United States have elevated blood lead levels that could cause significant damage to their health, estimates the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and more than 3,000 Michigan children test positive for lead poisoning each year. Elevated blood lead levels in children is based on 5 micrograms per deciliter or higher.

In response to recent elevated blood lead levels detected in some Flint children, as well as in support of National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week October 25-31, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is working to raise awareness and education around childhood lead poisoning prevention across the state.

"Awareness is the best defense against lead poisoning, and unfortunately in Michigan, we know that we still have too many children exposed to lead," said Dr. Eden Wells, Chief Medical Executive with MDHHS. "By making parents and caregivers aware of exposure hazards and teaching them safe cleaning and remediation practices, we can go a long way toward ensuring that children don't suffer lifelong health impacts from lead poisoning."

Levels in some Flint children increased after a 2014 change in water source. To address this, MDHHS is continuing to offer free NSF-certified water filters to residents and supporting the actions of the Genesee County Health Department. Further, an action plan to test all at-risk children in Flint is being implemented in partnership with local providers, health plans, and community organizations.

Major sources of lead exposure to U.S. children include lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust in deteriorating buildings. Children can also be exposed to lead from additional sources including contaminated drinking water, take-home exposures from a workplace, and lead in soil.

This year's NLPPW theme, "Lead-Free Kids for a Healthy Future," underscores the importance of testing your home, testing your child, and learning how to prevent lead poisoning's serious health effects. Parents can reduce a child's exposure to lead in many ways, including:

- Get your Home Tested. If you live in a home built prior to 1978 or before you buy an older home, ask for a lead inspection.
- Get your Child Tested. Even if your young children seem healthy, talk to your healthcare provider about testing them for lead.
- Get the Facts. For more information, contact the Michigan Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 888-322-4453 or visit www.michigan.gov/lead or www.michigan.gov/leadsafe.

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From: Minicuci, Angela (DHHS)

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 2:55 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Lead Poisoning Prevention Awareness Week

Sounds good. We're going to run by the county now. Thanks Dave!

Angela

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 2:43 PM

To: Minicuci, Angela (DHHS) < MinicuciA@michigan.gov > **Subject:** RE: Lead Poisoning Prevention Awareness Week

Looks good. Only change I would suggest would be to list parents before the healthcare providers in the lead:

FLINT, Mich. – In a joint effort to continue education within the community around lead exposure, the Genesee County Health Department and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services today issued letters to the Flint parents and the healthcare provider community to assist in providing guidance to support families.

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Sorry for all the issues this week.

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Subject: Re: Letters

Attachments: GCHD MDHHS Letters PR DRAFT 5 102515.docx; Parent Letter_Draft 8 102515.docx;

Provider letter DRAFT5 102515.docx

Hi everyone,

Attached are the updated drafts of the letters and press release with Sara's edits. We'll circulate these with the local health department and let you know before these are ready to be sent out.

Thank you.

Angela

From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 5:35 PM

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Angela – there are two things that do need to get addressed before these go out. Heft a message earlier.

Please call at your earliest convenience. Mobile will be best,

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Glad and good to see this kind of coordination/collaboration and outreach.

Thanks much,

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Subject: RE: Letters Importance: High

Hi everyone,

Following up on this. Do you have any concerns or edits? Additionally, we are working with GCHD to issue a joint release when these letters are sent. That's attached for your reference as well.

Thank you,

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Thank you,

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GCHD and MDHHS Partner to Issue Guidance to Flint Parents, Providers

FLINT, Mich. – In a joint effort to continue informing the community about lead exposure, the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) today issued letters to parents and the provider community in Flint to assist in providing guidance to support families.

In response to the elevated blood lead levels found in some Flint children, GCHD and MDHHS have worked together closely to develop guidance for families and providers.

GCHD QUOTE

Parents are being provided information regarding lead testing, how to reduce lead exposure for your family, where lead comes from, and community and state resources for more information. Children can be exposed to lead from drinking water in lead pipes, old lead paint, soil, pottery, cosmetics and toys and some home remedies. Adult jobs and hobbies, like auto repair, stained glass and jewelry making, and ammunitions handling can also put children at risk if they touch clothing or play in areas where lead is found.

"As we continue to find ways to inform and guide the Flint community towards reducing lead exposures, we are appreciate of the collaboration with Genesee County Health Department," said Dr. Eden Wells, Chief Medical Executive with MDHHS. "Parents and providers can take a number of steps to help reduce exposure, identify signs of lead poisoning, and begin follow up care as needed. Working together we can all help to protect the health of families in Flint."

Primary care providers can assist in helping to ensure that children and families exposed to lead receive the care and resources they need to manage the potential health impacts of lead poisoning. MDHHS and GCHD worked with Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha of the Hurley Medical Center to develop testing protocols and guidance regarding identification of lead poisoning, management of elevated blood lead levels, follow-up care, and community and state resources.

GCHD and MDHHS issued the following recommendations for parents:

- Families who live in the City of Flint and are on the Flint water system or who attend school, childcare, or spend time with a caregiver in the City of Flint, are encouraged to get their children tested for lead poisoning at their doctor's office or GCHD.
- Families can get their water tested for lead for free. Call 810-787-6537 for details about how.
- Families are encouraged to use a water filter in their home, and free filters are still available. Call 2-1-1 for information about where to pick up a free filter.
- Use <u>filtered</u> tap water for drinking (including making coffee, drink mixes, juice, baby formula), and cooking (even if you boil the water, the lead will stay in the water and food). Always use cold water when cooking.
- You can use <u>unfiltered</u> tap water for washing your hands, and washing dishes. If using unfiltered water, run the water for at least five minutes before you use it.
- Safe cleaning can also reduce the risk of lead exposure in the home. You can use unfiltered tap water for the following wiping down countertops, mopping floors, and washing clothes.

- Keep children away from lead paint and dust; use wet paper towels to clean up lead dust around windows, play areas and floors; and wash hands and toys often, using soap and water
- Lastly, always wash fruits with filtered water. Some foods help keep lead from being stored in the child's body, such as Calcium rich foods, Iron rich foods, and foods with Vitamin C.

GCHD and MDHHS will continue to provide more information to the community regarding reducing lead exposure and protecting the health of Flint residents. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/lead.

October 25, 2015

Dear Parent,

To help make sure the children of Flint are safe from lead exposure, the Genesee County Health Department and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services want to help you understand:

- Where does lead come from?
- What can I do to protect my family?
- Should I get my child tested for lead?
- Where can I find more information about lead?

Where does lead come from?

Lead is a serious health hazard, especially for small children who become lead poisoned when they eat, drink or breathe lead. Elevated levels of lead have been found in the drinking water from lead pipes in the City of Flint. Kids can also be exposed to lead from old lead paint, soil, pottery, cosmetics and toys and some home remedies. Adult jobs and hobbies, like auto repair, stained glass, jewelry making and ammunitions handling can also put children at risk if they touch clothing or play in areas where lead is found.

Should my child get a blood lead test?

Children who live in the City of Flint, live in a home using City of Flint water, or who attend school, childcare or often spend time with a caregiver in the City of Flint should be tested for lead poisoning. This should be done as soon as possible.

Where should I go to get a blood lead test for my child?

The best place to get your child's blood lead test is your doctor's office. Your pediatrician will follow up with you on lab tests and provide you with information on what to do next. You can also have a lead test at the Genesee County Health Department. If you need transportation, contact 2-1-1 for help.

Understanding your child's lead test result.

A lead level below 5 means there is little or no lead in your child's blood. Use the tips below to help keep your child safe. Your doctor may suggest retesting your child within the next 12 months to make sure the level does not go up.

A lead level of 5-14 means that your child has had some exposure to lead. Work with your doctor and local health department for further guidance on how to limit your lead exposure. Your doctor may retest your child in 1-3 months to make sure the level does not go up.

Children with very high levels of lead (over 40) may require treatment at the hospital.

What Can I Do to Keep My Family Safe?

The following steps should be taken right away to help protect you and your child.

Protecting your family from lead in the water:

- Get your water tested for lead. It's free. Call (810) 787-6537 to learn more.
- Use a water filter in your home. Call 2-1-1 for information on free water filters.
- If you do not have a water filter, use bottled water for drinking and mixing formula.
- Use <u>filtered</u> tap water for drinking (including making coffee, drink mixes, juice, baby formula), and cooking (even if you boil the water, the lead will stay in the water and food). Always use cold water when cooking.
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Safe cleaning:

Safe Cleaning is important. Keeping your home clean and safe from lead hazards will help to protect your family.

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Good nutrition:

Some foods will help keep lead from being stored in a child's body. These are foods with a lot of calcium, iron and vitamin C. These foods include:

Calcium Rich Foods	Iron Rich Foods	Foods with Vitamin C
Milk	Beans	Oranges
Cheese	Lean meats like fish	Orange juice
Yogurt	and chicken	Grapefruits
Tofu	Whole grain cereals	Tomatoes
Spinach	Peanut butter	Green peppers

Always

wash your fruits with filtered water. If you are concerned about your child's diet, talk with your pediatrician who may also recommend a daily multivitamin.

WIC and SNAP provide assistance to parents and children who need fresh and healthy foods. Contact the **Genesee County WIC office at (810) 237-4537** to learn more. SNAP also offers a Double Bucks program to purchase even more healthy food for no additional costs.

Where can I get more information on lead?

- Genesee County Health Department Lead Program (810) 257-3833
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (888) 322-4453
 www.michigan.gov/lead
- United States Environmental Protection Agency www.epa.gov/lead
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Web site www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead

PROVIDER DRAFT LETTER V.5 October 25, 2015 LoRocco Edits,Travis Edits,Attisha Edits, Peeler, Minicuci Edits Cross checked with parent letter

Dear Provider:

As you may be aware from recent news reports, elevated levels of lead have been found in lead pipes within the City of Flint's water system.

To help protect the children of Flint from the current lead in water exposure, the Genesee County Health Department and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are contacting you to assist you in providing guidance to support your families.

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As a primary care provider, you play a critical role in helping to ensure that children and families exposed to lead receive the care and reassurances they need to manage the potential health impacts of lead poisoning.

Identification. Children suffering from lead poisoning often fail to present outward symptoms. However, early clinical symptoms can include anemia, anorexia, abdominal pain and constipation. Lead is a neuro-toxin, and exposure can result in violent and aggressive behaviors, lead to learning disorders, may cause Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and has been known to reduce IQ by as many as 5-8 points with levels as low as 10 ug/dL. Lead is metabolized through the gastrointestinal system similar to iron and calcium, with uptake rates depending on the size and weight of the child. The blood half-life of lead is short (approximately 1 month) but the bone half-life can extend into decades.

Due to multiple risk factors facing many residents in the City of Flint (including aging housing conditions and water quality), we recommend that all children under age 6 living in the City of Flint or living in homes that use Flint water, attending school or childcare in Flint, or who spend time with a caregiver in the City of Flint, receive a blood lead test. Blood lead testing should be done through a child's primary care doctor to ensure adequate short-term and long-term follow-up. *Families should be encouraged to have their children tested immediately either at their doctor's office or the Genesee County Health Department*.

Management of Blood Lead Levels. The following guidance is provided for management of childhood blood lead levels:

BLL < 5 ug/dL

- ➤ A lead level of less than 5 mcg/dL is not typically cause for concern.
- Provide education and anticipatory guidance to ensure that lead levels do not rise.
- Consider retesting in 12 months based on risk factors or concerns.

BLL >5 ug/dL

- Children with capillary results of 5 ug/dL and higher must have a confirmatory venous blood draw.
- Families should receive anticipatory guidance, nutrition counseling, instruction on safe cleaning techniques and appropriate follow-up care from their primary care provider.

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- In-home services including case management and environmental investigations are available for all children with lead levels greater than 5 ug/dL. Refer patients to the Genesee County Health Department for this service.
- Children with confirmed venous testing results greater than 5ug/dL within the past 18 months must be retested based on Medicaid policy and AAP guidelines. (See attached "Provider Quick Reference). If a child has not been retested within these timeframes, retesting is recommended as soon as possible.

BLL > 44 ug/dL.

- Children with capillary results of 5 ug/dL and higher must have a confirmatory venous blood draw.
- Lead levels over 44 ug/dL may require hospitalization. Consult with an expert at the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit for additional guidance.
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Reminder: All children covered by Medicaid must be tested at age 1 and 2.

Follow-up Care. As providers, there are steps you can take to help support your families:

- 1. Continue to inform and educate families regarding lead risks and preventative steps that they can take to minimize their risks.
- 2. Encourage your families to use filtered water for drinking, mixing formula and washing dishes. Families can contact 2-1-1 for information on free water filters.
- 3. Healthy nutrition is critical for lead-exposed children. Make sure your patients are consuming balanced diets high in iron, calcium and Vitamin C. If you have concerns about their nutrition, consider recommending a multivitamin with iron. WIC and SNAP provide assistance to parents and children who need fresh and healthy foods. Contact the Genesee County WIC office at (810) 237-4537 to learn more. In addition, SNAP offers a Double Bucks program that can provide healthy foods for less.
- 4. Breastfeeding is highly protective and encouraged. However, if the mother's blood lead level rises above 40ug/dL or her level is greater than 20 ug/dL and the baby has a level above 5 ug/dL breastfeeding is not recommended.
- Because lead is a neuro-toxin, children with lead poisoning need longitudinal follow-up and may require
 developmental and behavioral health intervention services. Continue monitoring your patients'
 development at every visit.
- 6. Consider additional wrap-around and support services that will benefit your patients such as early childhood home visiting programs, early head start and head start. Call 2-1-1 for more information.

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Local Resources. Several local resources are available to you and your patients:

- Blood Testing. Patients are encouraged to contact their primary care provider for testing. The Genesee
 County Health Department also administers lead tests. Patients in need of transportation should contact 2-1-1 for assistance.
- Water Testing. Water testing is free through the City of Flint Water Testing Plant. Patients can call 810-787-6537 to learn more.
- WIC and SNAP provide assistance to parents and children who need fresh and healthy foods. Contact the Genesee County WIC office at (810) 237-4537 to learn more.
- Child Development. If you have concerns about a child's growth, development or learning contact 2-1-1 for a Home Visiting Program in your area.

Websites and contact information.

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Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 9:28 AM

To: Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Subject: Lead-free hashtag?

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Just to confirm. Done and done. They will no longer be using.

It was a national push and hash tag, but obviously given latest situation, that doesn't lend itself well to understanding.

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From: Clayton, Stacie (GOV)

Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 2:53 PM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Cc: Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Schools Water Testing

Brad,

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Do you know how this was communicated to the school districts?

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Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 3:15 PM

To: Clayton, Stacie (GOV); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)
Cc: Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Schools Water Testing

Right, got it now!

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Several of the reporters keyed-in on the provision in the governor's plan which calls for the state to promote lead awareness for the schools, many of which have never been tested. The public awareness campaign will be lead by DHHS, It is still under development. This did not stop a lot of reporters from wanting to talk about it.

Here's an example from today's Detroit News (front page): http://www.detroitnews.com/story/life/wellness/2015/10/26/school-water/74606636/

So, there's no letter from the state to the education community at large. All that has been communicated to the schools at this point has been communicated by local reporters playing off the headlines from Flint. There's been a few echo stories in local communities.

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Subject: GCHD Release

Attachments: Media Release: GCHD and MDHHS Partner to Issue Guidance to Flint Parents,

Providers

Hi all,

Just a note. We finalized the language in the Genesee County Health Department release and were going to wait to send it until the letters went out but then the county misunderstood and sent it out today anyway. See attached.

Seen as this release said the letters went out today, but they haven't even been printed yet, they are working on a retraction to correct this.

Thank you,

Angela Minicuci

Office of External Relations and Communications Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

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GCHD and MDHHS Partner to Issue Guidance to Flint Parents, Providers

FLINT, Mich. – In a joint effort to continue informing the community about lead exposure, the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) today issued letters to parents and the provider community in Flint to assist in providing guidance to support families.

In response to the elevated blood lead levels found in some Flint children, GCHD and MDHHS have worked together closely to develop guidance for families and providers.

Routine lead testing should be part of a well-child visit at ages one and two. "This is a good time to check with your healthcare provider to make certain your child has been tested at the recommended times and if not have the test performed," said Dr. Gary Johnson, Medical Director, Genesee County Health Department.

Parents are being provided information regarding lead testing, how to reduce lead exposure for your family, where lead comes from, and community and state resources for more information. Children can be exposed to lead from drinking water in lead pipes, old lead paint, soil, pottery, cosmetics, toys and some home remedies. Adult jobs and hobbies, like auto repair, stained glass and jewelry making, and ammunitions handling can also put children at risk if they touch clothing or play in areas where lead is found.

"As we continue to find ways to inform and guide the Flint community towards reducing lead exposures, we are appreciative of the collaboration with the Genesee County Health Department," said Dr. Eden Wells, Chief Medical Executive with MDHHS. "Parents and providers can take a number of steps to help reduce exposure, identify signs of lead poisoning, and begin follow up care as needed. Working together we can all help to protect the health of families in Flint."

Primary care providers can assist in helping to ensure that children and families exposed to lead receive the care and resources they need to manage the potential health impacts of lead poisoning. MDHHS and GCHD worked with Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha of the Hurley Medical Center to develop testing protocols and guidance regarding identification of lead poisoning, management of elevated blood lead levels, follow-up care, and community and state resources.

GCHD and MDHHS issued the following recommendations for parents:

- Families who live in the City of Flint and are on the Flint water system or who attend school, childcare, or spend time with a caregiver in the City of Flint, are encouraged to get their children tested for lead poisoning at their doctor's office or the GCHD.
- Families can get their water tested for lead for free. Call 810-787-6537 for details about how.
- Families are encouraged to use an NSF Certified water filter in their home, and free filters are still available. Call 2-1-1 for information about where to pick up a free filter.
- Run only cold water through the filter.
- Use <u>filtered</u> or bottled water for drinking (including making coffee, drink mixes, juice, baby formula), and cooking (even if you boil the water, the lead will stay in the water and food).
- You can use <u>unfiltered</u> tap water for washing your hands, and washing dishes. If you must use unfiltered water for drinking or cooking, run the tap for five minutes before using the water.
- Safe cleaning can also reduce the risk of lead exposure in the home. You can use unfiltered tap water to wipe down countertops, mop floors, and wash clothes.
- Keep children away from lead paint and dust; use wet paper towels to clean up lead dust around windows, play areas and floors; and wash hands and toys often, using soap and water
- Lastly, always wash fruits with filtered water. Some foods help keep lead from being stored in the child's body, such as calcium rich foods, iron rich foods, and foods with vitamin C.

GCHD and MDHHS will continue to provide more information to the community regarding reducing lead exposure and protecting the health of Flint residents. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/lead.

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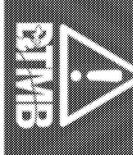
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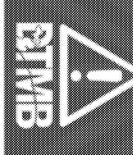
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Thank you

Damon Maloney abc12 News Sent from my iPhone From: Jennifer Weingart

Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 10:34 AM

To:Murray, David (GOV)Subject:School Lead Testing

Hello,

I thought I'd send an email rather than trying to play phone tag because my schedule is kind of weird. I am looking for someone who can talk about the push to test schools around the state for lead in their water. I'm not sure if the Governor's Office is even a part of this but I keep getting referred to different departments so I thought I would try.

If this is the Governor's Office and you have someone who can talk about it, I would really appreciate it if we could set something up.

Thanks, Jennifer Weingart CMU Public Radio 989-774-3153 From:Kiertzner, James <jim.kiertzner@wxyz.com>Sent:Wednesday, October 28, 2015 10:37 AMTo:Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

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Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 11:52 AM **To:** Murray, David (GOV); 'Maloney, Damon'

Subject: RE: Flint Water Inquiry

Attachments: Fact Sheet - Emergency or Disaster Declaration Process.pdf

Hi Dave,

That's correct. All emergencies and disaster declarations begin and end at the local level through the Michigan Emergency Management Act (Public Act 390 of 1976).

Our third district Michigan State Police emergency management coordinator has been working closely working with Genesee County Emergency Management Coordinator Jenifer Boyer. At this time, the county has not requested state assistance through the Michigan Emergency Management Act.

Jenifer Boyer would be a good source to talk to about what sort of local declarations have been made and operations are taking place at the local level.

I hope this helps. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,

Ron

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Subject: RE: Flint Water Inquiry

Hi Damon,

I'm including on this email Ron Leix from Michigan State Police, who is the expert in all things related to emergencies.

My impression is that such a declaration request starts with local authorities. Ron, can you help me with the process and how it works?

Damon, it's also important to remember that the state continues to work with Flint leaders on their infrastructure challenges. In addition to the \$6 million the state recently approved for the temporary reconnection to the Great Lakes Water Authority, the state earlier awarded the city \$2 million in grants to improve infrastructure and \$2.2 million in savings from restructured loans that can be directed to infrastructure repairs.

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STEP BY STEP: Emergency or Disaster Declaration Process

- 1. Disasters are first and foremost local events. Most disasters are handled by local government with minimal or no state assistance. At the onset of a disaster or emergency, local emergency responders, joined by volunteers and the private sector, are the first to be involved.
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Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 12:36 PM **To:** 'Kiertzner, James'; Murray, David (GOV)

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Hi there Jim -

Gov's schedule is really, really challenging over next couple of weeks for any 1:1s like this, and best we may be able to do is something at media avails at regularly scheduled events or quick pull aside from there.

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Thanks for reaching out and more soon, SW

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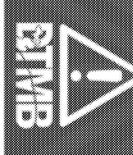
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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 6:14 PM

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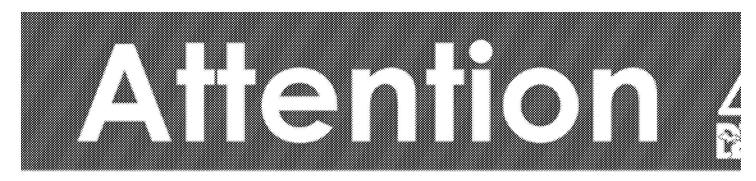
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Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 1:54 PM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Protest Event - Constitution Hall

Sorry, I guess it's at Romney. I will stay out of it now and let Brad keep us informed.

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Thanks much, though this looks like it was supposed to be yesterday? Anything happen?

From: Buhs, Caleb (DTMB)

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Sent from my iPhone

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Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)

Cc: Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS)

Subject: Lead Awareness Week PR

Attachments: Lead Poisoning Prevention Week PR.docx

Good morning:

Today we will be issuing the lead awareness week press release. Please let me know if there are any last-minute concerns or issues.

Thank you,

Jennifer (Smith) Eisner
Public Information Officer
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Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 9:52 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Lead Awareness Week PR

Not that I know of, no. I can check in with him to make sure the timing is OK.

Jennifer (Smith) Eisner
Public Information Officer
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
517-241-2112

From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 9:43 AM

To: Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS) < Eisneri@michigan.gov>

Subject: Re: Lead Awareness Week PR

Jen, does the information Brad discussed yesterday about the latest testing have any impact on this?

Thanks!

Dave

Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:15 AM

To: Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Murray, David (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV); Wurfel, Brad

(DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)

Cc: Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS)

Subject: RE: Lead Awareness Week PR

Other than it being Thursday and nearly already the end of the week? Afraid that may do more harm than good.

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When do they meet?

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Hi Jim,

Here's a link to the release about the task force, which was announced Oct. 21.

http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577 57657-367761--,00.html

Co-chairs Ken Sikkema and Chris Kolb have agreed to serve as spokesmen, and seem to be very accessible, based on the coverage I've seen so far. Members are:

Ken Sikkema is a senior policy fellow at Public Sector Consultants, where he specializes in public finance, environment, and energy policy. Prior to joining the firm, Sikkema served in both the Michigan House and Senate, culminating with four years as Senate majority leader. He has also served as both an adjunct and visiting professor at Grand Valley State University.

Chris Kolb is president of the Michigan Environmental Council, a statewide coalition of 70 environmental, public health and faith-based nonprofit groups. Before joining the MEC, Kolb represented Ann Arbor in the state House for six years and served six years on the Ann Arbor City Council. He has been president of the MEC for six years.

Matthew Davis, M.D., M.A.P.P., is professor of pediatrics and internal medicine at the University of Michigan Health System and professor of public policy at the Gerald R. Ford School at the University of Michigan, having joined the faculty in 2000. Davis also is a professor of health management and policy at the School of Public Health. He previously served as the chief medical executive of the Michigan Department of Community Health/Department of Health and Human Services.

Eric Rothstein is a national water issues consultant and principal at the Galardi Rothstein Group. He served as an independent advisor on the creation of the Great Lakes Water Authority. Rothstein also has served as Jefferson County, Alabama's rate consultant and municipal adviser for litigation related to the county's bankruptcy and issuance of \$1.7 billion in sewer warrants and led strategic financial planning for the City of Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management. He has more than 30 years of experience in water, wastewater and stormwater utility finance and rate-making assessments.

Lawrence Reynolds, M.D., is a pediatrician in Flint who serves as president of the Mott Children's Health Center. He received his medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine and has been in practice for 36 years. He has served as president of the Genesee County Medical Society and the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He has been honored for his humanitarian and advocacy efforts on behalf of children from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint.

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From: Darnell Earley <darnell.earley@detroitk12.org>

Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 8:03 AM

To: Baird, Richard (GOV); Saxton, Thomas (Treasury)

Cc: McPhee, Karen (GOV); Walsh, John (GOV); Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury); Wurfel, Sara

(GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Michelle Zdrodowski; Kelly Rossman-McKinney

Subject: As Doscussed

As discussed, I will be interviewed on WKAR this morning at 9. The topic of course is DPS and I was told to expect some questions regarding the Flint water issue.

Darnell

Sent from my iPhone

From: Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)

Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 9:51 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV); Wurfel, Sara

(GOV)

Subject: MDHHS Weekly Update

Press Releases

• TBD Flint Update – Replacement Filters Available

- Wednesday, November 4 Michigan Cancer Consortium
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From: Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 12:11 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: special court

Dave: We are working on a story about this news release.

Would your office care to comment? Thanks.

PRESS ADVISORY FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Sam Riddle 313 915 1557

NAN demands Michigan set up special court for lead poisoned juvenile offenders in Flint

(11/2/15 Detroit, MI)- The Michigan National Action Network (NAN) says that the State of Michigan needs to immediately set up a special court in Genesee County to hear the cases of any juvenile offenders that may have been poisoned by lead contaminants in Flint water the juveniles may have consumed.

"The recent handcuffing of a 7-year-old child by Flint police has profound implications beyond the obvious over reaction of the officer," says Sam Riddle state political director of Michigan NAN.

"Criminalization of children only enhances the grade school to prison pipeline. But now that inhumane pipeline may be aided and abetted by behavioral issues caused by lead poisoning that also can be the source for irreversible brain damage," said Riddle.

"All juvenile offenders arrested, charged or incarcerated in Genesee County that may have consumed Flint water during the period of lead contamination should be tested for lead content in their blood.

The State of Michigan should immediately establish a court to hear cases with treatment, counseling and outcomes other than incarceration for behavior the state played a central role in creating with its mishandling of Flint water," concludes Riddle.

Ron Fonger

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From: Michelle Zdrodowski <michelle.zdrodowski@detroitk12.org>

Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 8:44 AM **To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Fw: Google Alert - Darnell Earley

Sara and Dave,

Darnell was on Mark Bashore's Current State program on WKAR yesterday talking mostly Flint Water. I think he did a good job.

A link is included below.

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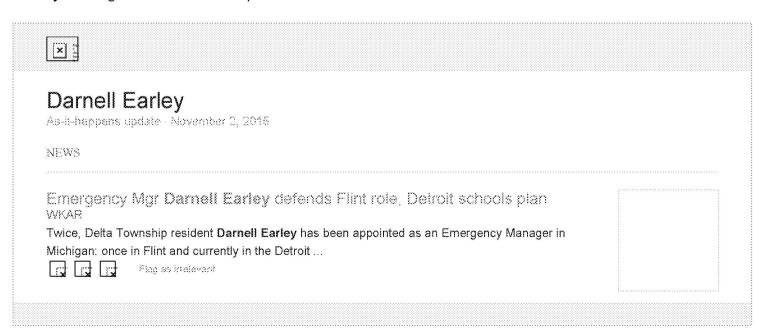
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From: Google Alerts <googlealerts-noreply@google.com>

Sent: Monday, November 2, 2015 5:28 PM

To: Michelle Zdrodowski

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Send Feedback

From: Clayton, Stacie (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 10:33 AM

To: Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: New EPA Warning about Flint Water

You are probably already aware, but just in case...

http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2015/11/05/flint-water/75205332/

Stacie

From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 2:14 PM

To:Murray, David (GOV)Cc:Agen, Jarrod (GOV)Subject:Re: Keeping in the loop

And Nancy called my cell before went into last round of mtgs. She/Freep is fixated on active role of Andy Dillon and Treasury at time and throughout and is asking if we had concerns, how could we have ever approved it.

I reiterated issues at time and tried to out heavy focus on we're focused on this task force work and letting them do their very important job of reviewing all actions related to this situation. Bipartisan group of people of high integrity, experts in their field and widely respected who are going to do a very thorough review.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 6, 2015, at 2:09 PM, Murray, David (GOV) < Murray 01@michigan.gov > wrote:

Nancy is working with Brad on another column on the water issue. Here questions are below. I worked with him on some of the grammatical things, but also to stress that the governor has appointed a third-party task force to look at all of these steps and others and we expect a report in three months.

Below is the version prior to the update.

Dave

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Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 1:59 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV) < MurrayD1@michigan.gov Subject: DRAFT DELIBERATIVE RE: Need comment ASAP

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Specifically:

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Need a response ASAP. This is for Sunday.

Nancy

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These issues will undoubtedly be considered by the Governor's After Action Review Task Force. Until that review is finalized, we don't have much more to say about it. The DEQ is now focused on implementing the Governor's 10-point plan to protect kids and families in Flint, which includes free tap filters for all city residents as a precaution, free home water testing and children's blood tests for all city residents, and an unprecedented look at potential for lead exposure in the city schools, among other things.

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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 3:12 PM **To:** Kaffer, Nancy (nkaffer@freepress.com)

Cc:Murray, David (GOV)Subject:RE: Need comment ASAP

Nancy, we believe we've responded to your inquiry and provided the information you requested. As I mentioned before, we are working to provide all necessary information to the after action review task force, and the DEQ is focused on moving forward and taking care of priorities in Flint.

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Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 2:24 PM **To:** Kaffer, Nancy <<u>nkaffer@freepress.com</u>>

Cc: Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov>

Subject: RE: Need comment ASAP

These questions all make the presupposition that the state actually runs municipal drinking water systems. Every municipal drinking water system is required by law to have a certified operator on staff. In Flint's case, they added outside expertise on

contract as well as having a certified operator. The nuance in your question is the idea that they don't do anything locally without being told to do so by the State. Not the case at all. Plenty of systems around the state make adjustments to their drinking water system within guidelines. The DEQ staff offer counsel and guidance, but State's formal role is to serve as regulator, not operator.

Flint commissioned the report you mentioned. If they ignored the recommendations in appendix of the report they commissioned, they can probably best explain why. Our take was that Flint was to run two consecutive tests of the system to determine optimization needs. The U.S. EPA finally came out with its finished guidance on that and distributed it nationally this week. I've enclosed it. We were pleased that they acknowledged the Lead and Copper rule is worded ambiguously on continued corrosion control. The clarification will help Michigan and every other state going forward.

Your second questions also is more appropriately directed to Flint. The city made the decision to use the river, the historic backup, as their primary. DEQ's role was to oversee necessary changes to the drinking water plant to ensure the water met Safe Drinking Water standards.

To your final question, I recall it was reintroduced when the Flint City Council voted 7-1 to join Karegnondi, and DWSD responded by sending Flint a one-year contract termination notice. While that notice was not a shutoff notice, it did signal that the contract rates for water would be terminated and thus open for renegotiation. But again, this is a question best addressed by the city.

These issues will undoubtedly be considered by the Governor's After Action Review Task Force. Until that review is finalized, we don't have much more to say about it. The DEQ is now focused on implementing the Governor's 10-point plan to protect kids and families in Flint, which includes free tap filters for all city residents as a precaution, free home water testing and children's blood tests for all city residents, and an unprecedented look at potential for lead exposure in the city schools, among other things.

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cell

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 4:46 PM **To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Fwd: reporter inquiry

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ronald Fonger < RFONGER1@mlive.com>
Date: November 6, 2015 at 3:39:33 PM EST

To: "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" < Wurfel @michigan.gov>

Subject: RE: reporter inquiry

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Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 5:03 PM

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Actually, the DEQ is investigating this right now as a potential enforcement action. That limits what I can say to the media. But there it is.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 6, 2015, at 4:57 PM, Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov > wrote:

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Cc: Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Emmitt, Beth (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV);

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We have this on our list of requests and will get back with Steve as soon as we have an available time.

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At Freeman Elementary, 31 faucets were tested using a series of four samples each. Twenty-two outlets did not show elevated lead exposure, but nine faucets came back with initially high results.

Those nine outlets involve brass components, indicating the problem involves the fixtures or plumbing immediately surrounding the fixture. When the faucets and fountains were operated for several minutes, lead levels fell significantly, in some cases to non-detectable levels.

Additional testing designed to look deep into the school's plumbing did not suggest larger, systemic issues.

Freeman Elementary has several options for remedying the issues at these nine faucets and fountains. The school can elect not to use those particular fountains, or implement a formalized flushing regimen. The sampling results indicate that for all but one tap, a 3- to 4-minute flushing period each morning would drastically reduce lead exposure.

For a permanent solution, the school should opt to replace the faucets and fountains of concern.

"The safety and health of our students are our primary concern at Flint Community Schools, so we will start work as soon as possible to replace faucets, aerators and other related

components where high lead levels were detected," FCS Superintendent Bilal Tawwab said. "Once those fixes have been made, the DEQ has offered to provide additional testing of the water at Freeman Elementary to ensure the water from every sample is safe for our students. Flint Community Schools appreciates the efforts by the DEQ, working with all stakeholders to make sure our water continues to be tested and that our students have access to safe, clean drinking water."

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Homeowner and other customer-requested testing results

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Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 2:44 PM **To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Cc: Agen, Jarrod (GOV)

Subject: FW: Flint water school testing results - 3 PM

Attachments: School results PR.docx

Saw Dave was on this but since he's on the road, thought you should see as well. DEQ is planning to issue at 3 p.m.

This is the first I've seen a draft but Dave may have been looped in on the back end. Looks ok and pretty thorough to me. If you need help trying to track any background info down let me know. Happy to reach out.

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Subject:Document1Attachments:Document1.docx

Talking points on today's data release b

Q: How do we describe the home tests?

A: The home tests are a surveillance-level screening tool. It is the same test used by the state to comply with the federal Lead and Copper Rule.

Q: SO, a safe reading doesn't mean my water is safe?

A: A low reading means there are no fixture-related issues. This screening may not catch impacts of a lead service line to the home. If a homeowner isn't sure whether they have a lead service line, the best way for homeowners to be absolutely sure is to have a certified plumber inspect their home.

Q: Does home plumbing inspection mean they dig up my yard?

A: Usually, no. A good plumber can usually assess the service line from the point of entry to the home.

Q: Was the inspection of the schools done with a different kind of testing? If so, how so?

A: Yes, the testing at the schools is a very thorough protocol designed to first determine if there are fixture-specific issues, then look deeper into the system to identify possible lead plumbing issues.

Q: What was learned by the testing at Freeman Elementary?

A: We identified 9 of 31 sites where the plumbing clearly was imparting lead into water. Importantly, we did repeated draws of the water at these spots over several minutes, and saw lead levels drop dramatically. This means the lead is in the fixtures, not in the water lines. It means the fixtures need to be addressed in some way – flushing for several minutes will help, but replacement of these fixtures offers a more permanent solution. And it means the water at Freeman is safe at 22 of the 31 sites inspected, which is of some reassurance to school officials.

Q: The City is now using water from Detroit. When will the water be free from lead again?

A: The water from Detroit is treated with phosphates, which coat the insides of lead home service lines and will reduce lead impacts. The City also will be adding additional phosphates to develop this coating more quickly, but it could take months for corrosion control to be achieved throughout the system. It is important to note that, even in systems where optimal corrosion control exists, lead components in home plumbing can still cause lead exposure. Removing lead from home plumbing is the only permanent solution to address lead in home water supplies. And testing is the best way to get an accurate sense of one's exposure. In Flint, blood testing for children is free, and surveillance testing of water for any resident also is free.

From: Brown, Jessica (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 10:57 AM

To: Bedan, Morgan (GOV)

Cc: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV)

Subject: Fwd: Steve Gruber Media Briefing

Steve Gruber briefing below. We should be all set.

Jess

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jessica Brown < Date: November 11, 2015 at 10:52:53 AM EST

To: browni53@michigan.gov>

Subject: Steve Gruber Media Briefing

RDS/SW-TAPED radio interview with Steve Gruber on WJIM Radio

Date: Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015

Time: 10:30-10:40 a.m.

RDS to call:

Purpose: Opportunity to talk about roads, Detroit schools and Flint water

Possible Topics:

- Roads package signing
- Detroit education reform
- Flint water emergency
- immigration policy in Michigan
- proposed guns in gun free zones
- 2016 presidential race

Recent Articles:

Road fix crashes again (Nov.2 - WJIM)

http://wjimam.com/road-fix-crashes-again/

Gov. Snyder signs \$1.2B road funding package (Detroit Free Press)

http://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2015/11/10/gov-snyder-signs-12b-road-funding-package/75510548/

Snyder signs long-term road funding plan: 'It's about investing in Michigan's Future' (MLive) http://www.mlive.com/iansing-news/index.ssf/2015/11/snyder_signs_long-term_road_fu.html

Senate panel OKs concealed guns in 'gun free' zones (Detroit News)

http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2015/10/13/senate-panel-oks-concealed-guns-gun-free-zones/73889132/

Keep guns out of Michigan schools poll respondents say (Detroit Free Press)

http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2015/11/09/guns-in-schools-poll/75460048/

Market: Mid-Michigan / online - www.wjimam.comhttp://www.wjimam.com

Contact: 888-900-9966 studio line / 407-463-3778 back-up number (Ivey Gruber - show producer)

From: Clayton, Stacie (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 7:57 PM **To:** Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Fwd: Flint's New Mayor to Call for Disaster Declaration in First Radio Interview on

"Redline with Bankole Thompson" on WDET-101.9

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Reply-To: <news@bankolethompson.com>

Karen Weaver, Newly Elected Mayor of Flint to Appear for Exclusive Interview on 'Redline with Bankole Thompson,' Thursday, Nov. 12, 11am on WDET-101.9FM- Detroit Public Radio

Detroit, MI, Nov 12- Dr. Karen Weaver, the new mayor of Flint, a majority African American city where tests recently showed the Flint River water residents have been using for cooking, drinking and bathing for the past 18 months was contaminated with lead, will appear tomorrow at 11am on "Redline with Bankole Thompson," on WDET-101.9FM for an exclusive interview.

Weaver wants Flint to be declared a national disaster after local officials and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality failed to use the appropriate test protocols to detect lead in the water customers have been using.

Thousands of customers including pregnant women, seniors, school going children have been drinking the contaminated water that an independent research team from Virginia Tech confirmed has lead in it.

Weaver is the latest guest to appear on the weekly broadcast http://wdet.org/shows/redline/ which has become a mainstay for inclusive and racially diverse conversation on issues. Redline has netted some significant guests in broadcast interview whose appearance on the Detroit program was their first time on WDET.

Weaver is also the subject of Bankole Thompson's weekly Thursday column in The Detroit News coming out tomorrow, where she granted her first extensive media interview since winning in last Tuesday's election.

From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 5:46 PM

To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Murray, David (GOV)

Cc: Sampson, Jeremy (TREASURY)

Subject: Fwd: Question re Flint

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To: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

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Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 9:43 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV); Krisztian, George (DEQ)

Subject: FW: Michigan Radio interview request: pre-flushing recommendations

FYI

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 9:42 AM

To: 'Rebecca Williams'

Subject: RE: Michigan Radio interview request: pre-flushing recommendations

Haven't got anyone readily available for an interview.

We're reviewing the testing protocol as part of our internal review. When we've got something to announce. I'll let you know.

b

From: Rebecca Williams [mailto:rmwillia@umich.edu]

Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 3:36 PM **To:** Tommasulo, Karen (DEO); Wurfel, Brad (DEO)

Subject: Michigan Radio interview request: pre-flushing recommendations

Hi Brad and Karen,

I'm working on a couple of stories (news spots and a feature) about the debate around water testing for lead and the pre-flushing recommendations DEQ outlines for cities to use for these water tests.

Could you arrange a short taped phone interview for me for tomorrow with someone at DEQ who can talk about this?

Anytime after 10am would be great.

Thanks!

Rebecca Williams
Senior Reporter
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rom:	Macaluso, Nora <nmacaluso@bna.com></nmacaluso@bna.com>
Sent:	Monday, November 16, 2015 8:20 AM
Го:	Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

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Nora Macaluso Staff Correspondent

Bloomberg BNA

Direct/Mobile nmacaluso@bna.com

From: Dupnack, Jessica <jessica.dupnack@abc12.com>

Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 10:32 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Morning Sir!

Hello Dave. Hope all is well.

Working on a story today about a class-action lawsuit filed against Gov. Snyder and 13 other state and City of Flint officials.

It claims high lead levels caused a slew of physical and psychological problems and are seeking damages.

I was wondering it there would be any kind of statement coming from his office today? Thanks so much sir.

From: Macaluso, Nora <nmacaluso@bna.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 11:32 AM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: also looking for comment on NRDC intent to sue

... also re Flint. I'm filing my story at 2 p.m., but can take updates until 4, if you have comment.

thanks

Nora Macaluso Staff Correspondent

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Direct/Mobile macaluso@bna.com

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 1:04 PM

cklaver@gongwer.com To: Subject: RE: Flint Water Lawsuit

Hi, Chris. Thanks for the opportunity, but the DEQ doesn't comment on active or pending lawsuits.

From: Christopher Klaver [mailto:cklaver@gongwer.com]

Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 10:45 AM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) Subject: Flint Water Lawsuit

Brad,

Can anybody in your shop speak to this lawsuit NRDF and ACL are threatening?

Thanks,

Christopher Klaver Staff Writer Gongwer News Service cklaver@gongwer.com 517.482.3500

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From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 2:03 PM **To:** 'Macaluso, Nora'; Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: flint water

Hi there Nora -

There wasn't a release per se, more of as came up with media. But you should be all set on that front (refugee statement), yes? Let us know if more needed.

On Flint water, we haven't been served yet so can't comment on specific details. What would say is that we're focused on moving forward and ensuring public health and clean, safe drinking water. The governor has outlined a detailed multiple step action plan for both immediate, mid and long term. He has also appointed a task force doing a very important job of reviewing all past actions. They are a bipartisan group of people of the highest integrity, experts in their fields and widely respected who are going to do a very thorough, objective review.

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Thanks and best, SW

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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 2:14 PM

To: 'Ronald Fonger'
Cc: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: u.s. district court lawsuit concerning flint water

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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 2:05 PM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) < Wurfels@michigan.gov>

Subject: u.s. district court lawsuit concerning flint water

Sara:

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From: Jeremy Berke <jberke@businessinsider.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 2:54 PM

To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Comment for story regarding Flint water contamination

Hello,

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I wanted to give your office a chance to provide any comments you'd like to include with the story.

Best,

Jeremy

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Jeremy Berke News Intern, <u>Business Insider</u> Twitter: <u>@ifberke</u> (508) 560-3813

Wurfel, Sara (GOV) From: Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 3:41 PM To: 'Jeremy Berke'; Murray, David (GOV) **Subject:** RE: Comment for story regarding Flint water contamination Greetings, Jeremy -First, we haven't been served yet so can't comment on specific details. What would say is that ... we're focused on moving forward and ensuring public health and clean, safe drinking water. The governor has outlined a detailed multiple step action plan for both immediate, mid and long term. He has also appointed a task force doing a very important job of reviewing all past actions. They are a bipartisan group of people of the highest integrity, experts in their fields and widely respected who are going to do a very thorough, objective review. Just let me know if anything more needed at all. Thanks and best, SW Sara Wurfel, APR Press Secretary | Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder wurfels@michigan.gov 517-335-6397, office , mobile Twitter:@SaraLW From: Jeremy Berke [mailto:jberke@businessinsider.com] Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 2:54 PM To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) < Wurfels@michigan.gov >; Murray, David (GOV) < MurrayD1@michigan.gov > Subject: Comment for story regarding Flint water contamination Hello, I'm a reporter with Business Insider. I'm currently looking into water contamination issues in Flint, as both the NRDC and ACLU released an intent to sue the state and city government over the ongoing lead contamination. I wanted to give your office a chance to provide any comments you'd like to include with the story. Best, Jeremy

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From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 11:37 AM

To: Kaffer, Nancy

Subject: RE: Question re Flint

Nancy...

So sorry for the delay in responding. Dealing with some personal issues.

I am not aware of any documentation, etc., related to these calls/mtgs.

Terry

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Subject: FW: request for comment on congressman's letter **Attachments:** 111315 Update and Health Fund Request (Snyder).pdf

Dave: I didn't know if Sara was in today or tied up, but wanted to make sure your office had the chance to respond to the letter from Congressman Kildee.

I hadn't heard back from her and am planning to post a story within the next hour.

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November 13, 2015

Governor Rick Snyder
Executive Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Governor Snyder:

I would like to provide you an update with some of the work we are doing in response to your letter on October 2, 2015 letter. I also have three requests of the state that are necessary to provide relief to the victims of the Flint water crisis.

First, Senator Stabenow, Senator Peters and I wrote a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) asking for clarification on whether federal law permits states to use Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (Revolving Funds) to finance the replacement of privately owned lead water service lines (attached). The EPA responded that the Revolving Funds can in fact be used for this purpose. My office immediately notified both your office and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality of this fact.

Secondly, the three of us also wrote to Secretary Tom Vilsack requesting that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provide greater clarification on the availability of "Ready to Feed" formula for recipients of Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) in Flint. Additionally, the letter asks to identify resources to improve the nutrition of Flint residents specifically as it relates to lead, because a certain diet can reduce some of the impact of exposure. The USDA is currently reviewing the letter.

Third, I have been working with the EPA on important revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule that would prevent a public health crisis like the one in Flint from happening again in other communities. I will be providing testimony at a meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council next Wednesday, November 18 on what we have learned firsthand in Flint and the necessary improvements to the Lead and Copper Rule.

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I will continue to pursue all of these avenues in order to find assistance for the people of Flint. There are, however, additional steps that need to be taken to remediate the damage done to the people of Flint due to the failures at the state government level, alongside the forgiveness of Flint's Revolving Funds loan debt if that becomes available. I urge state and local partners to work in coordination to fulfill the following requests.

• First, I request that the state of Michigan use its Revolving Funds and other state resources such as the rainy day and general funds to repair the damage done to Flint's water distribution system.

Due to the corrosive nature of the water, conservative estimates show there has been hundreds of millions of dollars of damage done to Flint's water distribution system. The damage to the system will increase maintenance costs resulting in higher rates for Flint water users, who already are burdened by the highest water rates in the state. Furthermore, the presence of over 15,000 lead service lines continues to threaten the quality of the water and creates the potential for future lead exposure through drinking water. As stated previously, the EPA has said that using the Revolving Funds for this purpose is allowed under federal law, and I request the state do so.

 Second, I request the state create a fund for ongoing assistance to the people of Flint to respond to the impacts of lead exposure.

The effects of lead are serious and permanent, with especially harmful impacts on young children and those with weakened immune systems. In discussions with health professionals, they have expressed the need for significant investments in the local health system in order to respond to the widespread exposure of lead to the people of Flint, including monitoring of future lead exposure. This fund should include support for, at a minimum, continuous health monitoring, early education programs, nutrition education, support services for children to succeed in school, and continued exposure prevention efforts. The investments we make now to combat the negative impacts of lead exposure will pay dividends in avoided costs in the future.

• Finally, I again ask that the state immediately reverse course and rescind Flint's obligation to provide \$2 million for the cost of connecting to the Detroit water system and refund any money the city of Flint has had to pay.

Requiring a financially distressed city and its people to pay for the state's failures is an abdication of clear responsibility by the state. The state-appointed emergency manager was in charge of the city of Flint during the time that the decision to leave the Detroit system was made. The state anot Flint created this water crisis, and the state needs to pay to fix it. The \$2 million Flint spent to reconnect to the Detroit water system could be used for many other essential services in Flint, such as hiring policemen and firefighters, improving schools and maintaining parks.

In addition to state investments, I encourage the state to request assistance from federal agencies. They have extensive experience working with health, education and nutrition systems nationwide and could provide critical resources to state officials. Specifically, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has offered resources if the state requests it. I will work to support any efforts for federal assistance the state makes.

I look forward to working with the state and federal governments to not only provide clean drinking water to the people of Flint immediately, but also repair the damage done to the city's water system and give local health professionals the resources they need to combat the long term impacts of lead exposure.

Sincerely,

Dan Kildee

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Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 4:43 PM **To:** Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV)

Subject: Fwd: Flint suit comments?

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We got it, no worries. Best for us to cover.

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Subject: RE: request for comment on congressman's letter

Here's how am responding to Ron, FYI.

We look forward to continuing work with Congressman Kildee and other officials and stakeholders at the federal, state and local levels to bring ideas and resources to bear to ensure public health in Flint and clean, safe drinking water. And again, we have the multiple step action plan as well as the task force work underway.

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Subject: RE: Flint suit comments

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Subject: Flint suit comments

Dave and Sara,

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From: Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS) BLOOD LEAD LEVEL TEST RESULTS FOR FLINT ZIP CODES 48501-48507 SUMMARY AS OF OCTOBER 30, 2015

Executive Summary

This report is generated by MDHHS to track Blood Lead Level test results in Flint, Michigan.

- Counts on this report include both capillary and venous blood tests.
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- Since 10/1/2015, an additional 963 people have been tested in Flint.
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 by Genessee County Health
 Department, MDHHS and local
 medical personnel have identified
 18 children with blood lead levels
 greater than or equal to 5µg/dL
 since 10/1/2015.
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Number of child BLL test results ≥5µg/dL since 10/1/2015:	12

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Actual draft press release attached. The previous doc was mislabeled.

Thanks for the heads up Karen!

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MDHHS releases new report outlining blood lead levels in Flint

Follow-up care, case management resources continue for families

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services today issued data regarding blood lead levels in Flint children and adults. The report is intended to inform residents about blood lead level testing efforts in Flint and provide cumulative total numbers.

"With the progress that we've made in testing and identifying those with elevated blood lead levels, the Department will continue to work closely with the Genesee County Health Department to reach these families and conduct case management to reduce their exposure to lead sources," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive with the MDHHS. "We will update these numbers on a regular basis and remain diligent in our ongoing outreach and education."

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Last month, MDHHS collaborated with the Genesee County Health Department and local partners to distribute educational resources and informational letter to Flint parents regarding lead testing. GCHD nursing staff are conducting direct outreach to families when an elevated blood lead level has been detected, serving as an important resources by addressing questions and concerns, providing information, and meeting them in their home environment.

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Haha - thanks for catching and yes, please edit away!

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Believe it or not, ZIP in ZIP code is all capitalized. It's an acronym. Zone something....

Just reading it now. The copy editor in me jumps out....

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Subject: FW: Flint water

Egan is grilling Dillon. Andy doesn't want to return his call without one of you on the phone.

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Date: Thu, Nov 19, 2015 at 1:48 PM

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Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 5:39 PM **To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Fwd: Flint water

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Begin forwarded message:

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Date: November 19, 2015 at 5:15:21 PM EST

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From: Andy Dillon [mailto::

Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 2:04 PM

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Subject: Re: Hospital tests **Attachments:** image001.jpg

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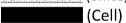
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Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 12:05 PM

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Checking and will let you know!

Jennifer Eisner

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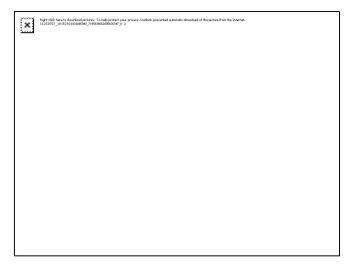
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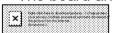
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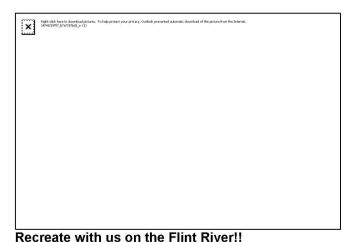
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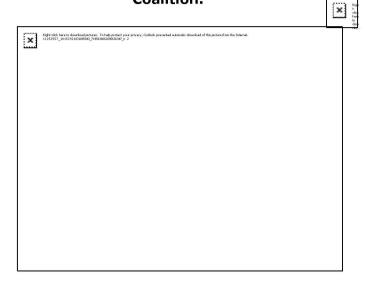


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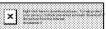
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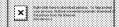
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Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2015 3:28 PM

To: Ronald Fonger

Cc: Murray, David (GOV); Holland, Meegan (MDOS); Jason Lorenz (jlorenz@cityofflint.com)

Subject: RE: comment by professor marc edwards

Ron, you emailed me and Jason Lorenz a request for comment at 1:34 and posted your story at 1:41 today???

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/12/lead levels in flints water st.html

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Speaking at Hurley Medical Center, Edwards said Flint water is still not safe to drink without a filter based on samples collected as recently as 10 days ago.

He said he expects water to meet EPA thresholds for lead within a month.

Ron Fonger

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Attachments: Flint Blood Testing Report 1Dec15.pdf; Flint EBL Data Press Release V7.docx

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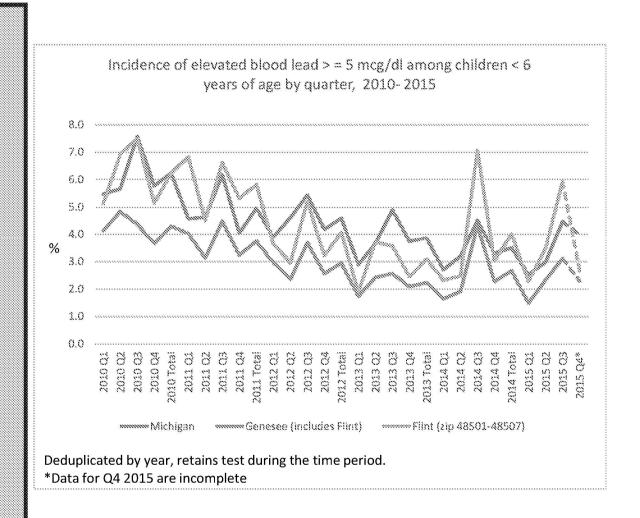


Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Blood Lead Level Test Results for Flint Zip Codes 48501-48507 Genesee County, and the State of Michigan Summary as of November 13, 2015

Executive Summary

This report is generated by MDHHS to track Blood Lead Level test results in Flint, Michigan.

- Counts on this report include both capillary and venous blood tests. People who have had multiple tests are counted only once per year.
- Since 10/1/2015, an additional 1,361 people have been tested in Flint.
- Continued testing efforts
 by Genesee County Health Department,
 MDHHS and local medical personnel
 have identified 21 children with blood
 lead levels greater than or equal to
 5µg/dL (micrograms per deciliter) since
 10/1/2015.
- Three percent of the children younger than 6 years old tested since 10/1/2015 have had blood lead levels greater than or equal to 5µg/dL.
- Additional testing is ongoing. Counts will vary as new results are added.



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	Children younger than 6 Years Old			Children 6 to 17 Years Old		
	Michigan	Genesee County	Flint 48501-48507	Michigan	Genesee County	Flint 48501-48507
Total tested for lead 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2010:	152,608	6,932	3,560	17,963	867	463
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2010 to 12/31/10:	9,509	298	222	907	25	20
Total tested for lead from 1/1/2011 to 12/31/2011:	149,420	6,667	3,093	15,725	1,038	544
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2011 to 12/31/11:	7,392	250	180	651	20	15
Total tested for lead 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012:	146,142	7,008	3,112	15,460	1,386	630
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2012 to 12/31/12:	6,704	206	127	478	17	12
Total tested for lead 1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013:	145,813	6,986	3,077	13,897	1,241	566
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2013 to 12/31/13:	5,647	156	95	342	9	4
Total tested for lead 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014:	141,355	6,690	3,045	12,936	913	428
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2014 to 12/31/14:	4,948	178	122	386	6	5
Total tested for lead 1/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	120,699	5,778	2,704	10,841	1,197	765
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	4,200	149	101	309	10	8
Total tested for lead 10/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	14,593	957	560	1,412	502	409
Number of test results ≥5µg/dL 10/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	583	22	15	38	6	6

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Total tested for lead 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2010:	13,853	602	195	184,424	8,401	4,218
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2010 to 12/31/10:	1,462	42	18	11,878	365	260
Total tested for lead 1/1/2011 to 12/31/2011:	13,259	542	139	178,404	8,247	2,726
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2011 to 12/31/11:	1,369	44	16	9,412	314	211
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Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2012 to 12/31/12:	1,415	33	11	8,597	256	150
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Total tested for lead 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014:	12,684	441	112	166,975	8,044	3,585
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2014 to 12/31/14:	1,422	44	12	6,756	228	139
Total tested for lead 1/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	11,685	860	526	143,225	7,835	3,995
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MDHHS releases recent data outlining blood lead levels in Flint

Follow-up care, case management resources continue for families

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services today issued preliminary data regarding blood lead levels in Flint children and adults. The department's summary report shows that 30 of 1,361 adults and children tested in Flint since October 1 had elevated levels.

MDHHS is working closely with the Genesee County Health Department to reach out to families testing with higher levels and help them reduce their exposure to lead sources. The report is intended to inform residents about blood lead level testing efforts in Flint and provide cumulative total numbers.

"Our goal is to help families reduce their exposure to lead sources," said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHSS chief medical executive. "We have made progress in testing and identifying those with elevated blood lead levels, and the department will continue to work closely with the county health department to reach these families. We will update these numbers on a regular basis and remain diligent in our ongoing outreach and education."

Information was gathered from tests administered citywide to 1,361 children and adults since October 1. Twenty-one children age 17 or younger had elevated blood lead levels. Nine adults over the age 18 were identified with elevated blood lead levels.

The data in the report include the total number of tests conducted and the total number of elevated blood lead levels greater than 5 micrograms per deciliter, and captures both capillary and venous blood tests that have been reported to MDHHS since the beginning of October. People who have had multiple tests are counted only once. The full report is posted online at www.michigan.gov/flintwater and will be updated as more data becomes available.

The testing is part of the state's action plan to address health concerns related to Flint's water infrastructure.

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Last month, MDHHS collaborated with the county health department and local partners to distribute educational resources and informational letters to Flint parents regarding lead testing. The state provided supplemental funding to support GCHD nursing staff to conduct direct outreach to families when an elevated blood lead level has been detected. During these follow-up visits, nurses coordinate with environmental health investigators to identify lead exposures, address questions and concerns, provide filters and further information, and meet with families in their home environment.

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Subject: Flint EBL Release & Documents

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE December 3, 2015

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MDHHS releases latest data outlining blood lead levels in Flint

Follow-up care, case management resources continue for families

LANSING, Mich. – Preliminary data indicates that 30 of 1,361 adults and children tested in Flint since October 1 had elevated blood lead levels, according to a report issued today by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

This marks the first summary report on lead testing called for in the state's action plan related to health concerns about Flint's water infrastructure.

"Our goal is to help families reduce their exposure to lead sources," said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. "We have made progress in testing and identifying those with elevated blood lead levels, and the department will continue to work closely with the Genesee County Health Department to reach these families. We will remain diligent in our ongoing outreach and education efforts."

Information comes from tests administered citywide to 1,361 children and adults since October 1. Tests showed that 21 of 969 children age 17 or younger and 9 of 392 adults over the age 18 were identified with elevated blood lead levels.

The report covers test results reported to MDHHS since the state action plan was put in place Oct. 2. It includes the number of tests and number of elevated blood lead levels greater than 5 micrograms per deciliter, and captures both capillary and venous blood tests that have been reported to MDHHS since the beginning of October. People who have had multiple tests are counted only once. Five micrograms per deciliter is the level that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers elevated and triggers health care professional follow up with families.

The full report is posted online at www.michigan.gov/flintwater and will be updated as more data becomes available.

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In the third quarter of 2010, 8.3 percent of Flint children 6 and under showed elevated blood lead levels. The figure gradually decreased to 4.1 percent in the third quarter of 2013. During the same months in 2014, the figure increased to 7.5 percent and decreased to 6.4 percent in the third quarter of 2015.

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Flint EBL Data Summary

Communications Plan

Purpose

To release elevated blood lead level data for the city of Flint and communicate the summary to our partners in the community as well as local and state media. The report is intended to inform residents about blood lead level testing efforts in Flint and provide preliminary cumulative numbers on an ongoing basis.

Communications Timeline - December 3, 2015

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1:30 p.m.

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3 p.m.

- Pitched media interviews with Dr. Eden Wells:
 - o Ron Fonger, MLive
 - o Kristi Tanner, Detroit Free Press
 - Robin Erb, Detroit Free Press
 - Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio

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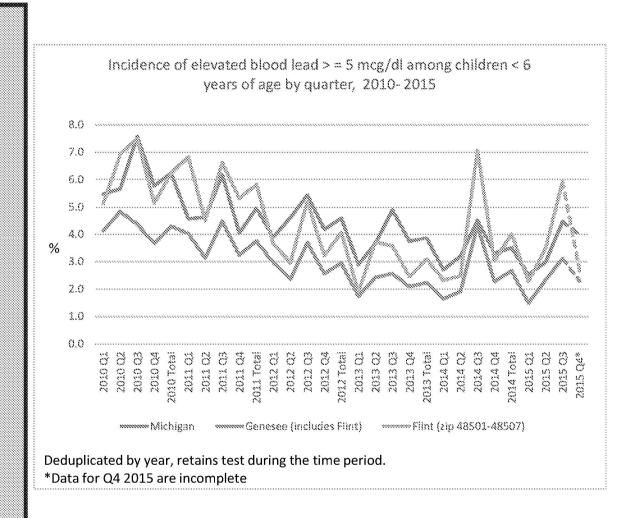


Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Blood Lead Level Test Results for Flint Zip Codes 48501-48507 Genesee County, and the State of Michigan Summary as of November 13, 2015

Executive Summary

This report is generated by MDHHS to track Blood Lead Level test results in Flint, Michigan.

- Counts on this report include both capillary and venous blood tests. People who have had multiple tests are counted only once per year.
- Since 10/1/2015, an additional 1,361 people have been tested in Flint.
- Continued testing efforts
 by Genesee County Health Department,
 MDHHS and local medical personnel
 have identified 21 children with blood
 lead levels greater than or equal to
 5µg/dL (micrograms per deciliter) since
 10/1/2015.
- Three percent of the children younger than 6 years old tested since 10/1/2015 have had blood lead levels greater than or equal to 5µg/dL.
- Additional testing is ongoing. Counts will vary as new results are added.



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	Children younger than 6 Years Old			Children 6 to 17 Years Old		
	Michigan	Genesee County	Flint 48501-48507	Michigan	Genesee County	Flint 48501-48507
Total tested for lead 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2010:	152,608	6,932	3,560	17,963	867	463
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2010 to 12/31/10:	9,509	298	222	907	25	20
Total tested for lead from 1/1/2011 to 12/31/2011:	149,420	6,667	3,093	15,725	1,038	544
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2011 to 12/31/11:	7,392	250	180	651	20	15
Total tested for lead 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012:	146,142	7,008	3,112	15,460	1,386	630
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2012 to 12/31/12:	6,704	206	127	478	17	12
Total tested for lead 1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013:	145,813	6,986	3,077	13,897	1,241	566
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2013 to 12/31/13:	5,647	156	95	342	9	4
Total tested for lead 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014:	141,355	6,690	3,045	12,936	913	428
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2014 to 12/31/14:	4,948	178	122	386	6	5
Total tested for lead 1/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	120,699	5,778	2,704	10,841	1,197	765
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	4,200	149	101	309	10	8
Total tested for lead 10/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	14,593	957	560	1,412	502	409
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	Adults 18 Years and Older			Total Number of People of All Ages Tested		
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Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2010 to 12/31/10:	1,462	42	18	11,878	365	260
Total tested for lead 1/1/2011 to 12/31/2011:	13,259	542	139	178,404	8,247	2,726
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2011 to 12/31/11:	1,369	44	16	9,412	314	211
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Total tested for lead 1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013:	12,199	498	136	171,909	8,725	3,779
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2013 to 12/31/13:	1,499	54	16	7,488	219	115
Total tested for lead 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014:	12,684	441	112	166,975	8,044	3,585
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2014 to 12/31/14:	1,422	44	12	6,756	228	139
Total tested for lead 1/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	11,685	860	526	143,225	7,835	3,995
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Thank you,

Jennifer Eisner Public Information Officer Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Office: 517-241-2112 or EisnerJ@michigan.gov<mailto:EisnerJ@michigan.gov>Cell:

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From: Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)

Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 1:06 PM

To: Lyon, Nick (DHHS); Becker, Timothy (DHHS); Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela

(DHHS); Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Hertel,

Elizabeth (DHHS)

Cc: Murray, David (GOV); Grijalva, Nancy (DHHS); Granger, Patricia (DHHS)

Subject: FW: Flint EBL Release & Documents

Attachments: Flint EBL Data Press Release V9.docx; Flint Blood Lead Level Summary Report Dec.pdf;

Comms Plan - Flint EBL Data Summary 12315.docx

All --

The governor's team has given the go ahead. We've adjusted the timeline slightly to issue the press release and post the report at 2:30 p.m. Embargoed stakeholder notifications will now happen at 2 p.m. as outlined below:

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Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 11:18 AM

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NICK LYON DIRECTOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE December 3, 2015

CONTACT: Jennifer Eisner (517) 241-2112

MDHHS releases latest data outlining blood lead levels in Flint

Follow-up care, case management resources continue for families

LANSING, Mich. – Preliminary data indicates that 30 of 1,361 adults and children tested in Flint since October 1 had elevated blood lead levels, according to a report issued today by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

This marks the first summary report on lead testing called for in the state's action plan related to health concerns about Flint's water infrastructure.

"Our goal is to help families reduce their exposure to lead sources," said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. "We have made progress in testing and identifying those with elevated blood lead levels, and the department will continue to work closely with the Genesee County Health Department to reach these families. We will remain diligent in our ongoing outreach and education efforts."

Information comes from tests administered citywide to 1,361 children and adults since October 1. Tests showed that 21 of 969 children age 17 or younger and 9 of 392 adults over the age 18 were identified with elevated blood lead levels.

The report covers test results reported to MDHHS since the state action plan was put in place Oct. 2. It includes the number of tests and number of elevated blood lead levels greater than 5 micrograms per deciliter, and captures both capillary and venous blood tests that have been reported to MDHHS since the beginning of October. People who have had multiple tests are counted only once. Five micrograms per deciliter is the level that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers elevated and triggers health care professional follow up with families.

The full report is posted online at www.michigan.gov/flintwater and will be updated as more data becomes available.

When reviewing historical trend data, the risk of lead exposure is highest during the third quarter of each year – July through September. Seasonal variation is the result of a number of factors including increased exposure to lead in dust and soil in the summer months.

In the third quarter of 2010, 8.3 percent of Flint children 6 and under showed elevated blood lead levels. The figure gradually decreased to 4.1 percent in the third quarter of 2013. During the same months in 2014, the figure increased to 7.5 percent and decreased to 6.4 percent in the third quarter of 2015.

Last month, MDHHS collaborated with the county health department and local partners to distribute educational resources and informational letters to Flint parents regarding lead testing. The state is providing funding for GCHD nurses to work with families when an elevated blood lead level has been detected. During these follow-up visits, nurses coordinate with environmental health investigators to meet with families in their homes to identify lead exposures, address questions and provide water filters. People can be exposed to lead from paint, soil, plumbing and other sources.

MDHHS continues to provide free water filters and replacement cartridges to Flint residents at four locations, including the MDHHS Flint offices and the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department. For a full list of locations and hours of distribution, visit www.michigan.gov/flintwater.

To help residents properly install water filters, and to demonstrate how to replace the original when it expires, MDHHS has created an instructional video on its <u>YouTube channel</u>. For updates, visit www.michigan.gov/flintwater.

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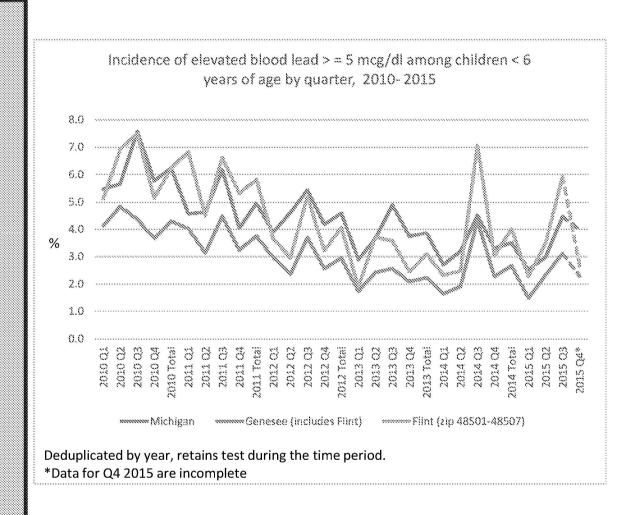


Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Blood Lead Level Test Results for Flint Zip Codes 48501-48507 Genesee County, and the State of Michigan Summary as of November 13, 2015

Executive Summary

This report is generated by MDHHS to track Blood Lead Level test results in Flint, Michigan.

- Counts on this report include both capillary and venous blood tests. People who have had multiple tests are counted only once per year.
- Since 10/1/2015, an additional 1,361 people have been tested in Flint.
- Continued testing efforts
 by Genesee County Health Department,
 MDHHS and local medical personnel
 have identified 21 children with blood
 lead levels greater than or equal to
 5µg/dL (micrograms per deciliter) since
 10/1/2015.
- Three percent of the children younger than 6 years old tested since 10/1/2015 have had blood lead levels greater than or equal to 5µg/dL.
- Additional testing is ongoing. Counts will vary as new results are added.



	Children younger than 6 Years Old			Children 6 to 17 Years Old			
	Michigan	Genesee County	Flint 48501-48507	Michigan	Genesee County	Flint 48501-48507	
Total tested for lead 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2010:	152,608	6,932	3,560	17,963	867	463	
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2010 to 12/31/10:	9,509	298	222	907	25	20	
Total tested for lead from 1/1/2011 to 12/31/2011:	149,420	6,667	3,093	15,725	1,038	544	
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2011 to 12/31/11:	7,392	250	180	651	20	15	
Total tested for lead 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012:	146,142	7,008	3,112	15,460	1,386	630	
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2012 to 12/31/12:	6,704	206	127	478	17	12	
Total tested for lead 1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013:	145,813	6,986	3,077	13,897	1,241	566	
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2013 to 12/31/13:	5,647	156	95	342	9	4	
Total tested for lead 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014:	141,355	6,690	3,045	12,936	913	428	
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2014 to 12/31/14:	4,948	178	122	386	6	5	
Total tested for lead 1/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	120,699	5,778	2,704	10,841	1,197	765	
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	4,200	149	101	309	10	8	
Total tested for lead 10/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	14,593	957	560	1,412	502	409	
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 10/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	583	22	15	38	6	6	

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	Adults 18 Years and Older			Total Number of People of All Ages Tested			
	Michigan	Genesee County	Flint 48501-48507	Michigan	Genesee County	Flint 48501-48507	
Total tested for lead 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2010:	13,853	602	195	184,424	8,401	4,218	
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2010 to 12/31/10:	1,462	42	18	11,878	365	260	
Total tested for lead 1/1/2011 to 12/31/2011:	13,259	542	139	178,404	8,247	2,726	
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2011 to 12/31/11:	1,369	44	16	9,412	314	211	
Total tested for lead 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012:	13,059	556	155	174,661	8,950	3,907	
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2012 to 12/31/12:	1,415	33	11	8,597	256	150	
Total tested for lead 1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013:	12,199	498	136	171,909	8,725	3,779	
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2013 to 12/31/13:	1,499	54	16	7,488	219	115	
Total tested for lead 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014:	12,684	441	112	166,975	8,044	3,585	
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2014 to 12/31/14:	1,422	44	12	6,756	228	139	
Total tested for lead 1/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	11,685	860	526	143,225	7,835	3,995	
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 1/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	1,195	30	15	5,704	204	124	
Total tested for lead 10/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	1,615	483	392	17,620	1,942	1,361	
Number of test results ≥5μg/dL 10/1/2015 to 11/13/2015:	160	11	9	781	44	30	

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Flint EBL Data Summary

Communications Plan

Purpose

To release elevated blood lead level data for the city of Flint and communicate the summary to our partners in the community as well as local and state media. The report is intended to inform residents about blood lead level testing efforts in Flint and provide preliminary cumulative numbers on an ongoing basis.

Communications Timeline - December 3, 2015

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 - o Kristi Tanner, Detroit Free Press
 - Robin Erb, Detroit Free Press
 - Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio

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- Geralyn Lasher, cell –
- Angela Minicuci, cell –
- Jennifer Eisner, cell –

From: Netto, Joseph < Joseph.Netto@turner.com > Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 10:15 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Flint water

So what are the repercussions of Mayor Weaver's call for a state of emergency? Is she even able to declare a state of emergency?

Did she have any footing to declare a state of emergency?

Joseph Netto CNN News Editor One CNN Center Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 827 1511

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 10:13 AM

To: Netto, Joseph Subject: Flint water

Joe, nice speaking with you this morning. Let me know if you need more.

Dave

Flint residents need to have access to safe, clean water. Gov. Snyder and the administration have been working closely with the city to focus on health issues affecting children and other city residents, and address water infrastructure challenges.

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From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 4:05 PM

To: Wang, Yanan

Subject: Re: Another correction in the Flint water story.

The filtration plant.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 16, 2015, at 3:50 PM, Wang, Yanan < Yanan. Wang@washpost.com > wrote:

Hi David,

Yes, I'll make the correction, but can you first explain to me what you mean by the water "leaving Flint's drinking water system" if it is not the water coming out of the tap? Would like to make the distinction clear for readers.

Best, Yanan

Sent from Outlook

From: Murray, David (GOV) < <u>murrayd1@michigan.gov</u>> Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 12:46 PM Subject: Another correction in the Flint water story. To: Wang, Yanan < yanan.wang@washpost.com>

Cc: Heaton, Anna (GOV) heatona@michigan.gov>, Biehl, Laura (GOV) keatona@michigan.gov>, Biehl, Laura (GOV) keatona@michigan.gov>, Biehl, Laura (GOV) keatona@michigan.gov>, Biehl, Laura (GOV) keatona@michigan.gov>

Hello Yanan,

Please make one more correction. The misquote is causing us a great deal of problems today.

What you wrote: He added that while Flint \$B!G (Bs water is currently safe to drink, \$B!H (Bsome families with lead plumbing in their homes or service connections could experience higher levels of lead in the water that comes out of their faucets. \$B!I (B

What I said: The water leaving Flint \$B!G (Bs drinking water system is safe to drink, but some families with lead plumbing in their homes or service connections could experience higher levels of lead in the water that comes out of their faucets.

While it might seem like a small detail, it is TREMENDOUSLY important to include the part about the water leaving

Flint \$B!G (Bs drinking water system. Flint \$B!G (Bs water is not safe to drink for many residents at this point unless they have filters or are following the recommendations about letting the water run for several minutes before using.

Can you please make this correction quickly?

Thank you.

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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 11:49 AM **To:** Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: FW: URGENT UPDATE FOR ALL MSUE STAFF: Concerns of Lead Poisoning in

domesticated animals

Flare in the air.

Brad Wurfel
Communications Director,
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(cell)

From: Holton, Jennifer (MDARD)

Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 11:46 AM **To:** Krisztian, George (DEQ); Averill, James (MDARD)

Cc: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Subject: Fwd: URGENT UPDATE FOR ALL MSUE STAFF: Concerns of Lead Poisoning in domesticated animals

FYI.

Jen

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Stuever, Beth" <stuever@anr.msu.edu>
Date: December 17, 2015 at 11:21:23 AM EST

To: "Jennifer (Quimby) Holton" < holtoni@michigan.gov>

Subject: FW: URGENT UPDATE FOR ALL MSUE STAFF: Concerns of Lead Poisoning in domesticated

animals

FYI ... we sent this to our internal staff a few minutes ago.

From: Ockert, Katherine

Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 11:15 AM

To: MSUEEVERYONE@LIST.MSU.EDU

Cc: Stuever, Beth <stuever@anr.msu.edu>; Wilson, Jamie <jmwilson@anr.msu.edu>

Subject: URGENT UPDATE FOR ALL MSUE STAFF: Concerns of Lead Poisoning in domesticated animals

Importance: High

Dear MSU Extension Staff,

As many of you are aware Mayor Karen Weaver of Flint issued a state of emergency regarding the levels of lead in the city's water supply. Because this is such a high visibility issue, I'm sharing this information with everyone as I'm sure it has resulted in conversations throughout the state.

Our health and nutrition staff members are working diligently with the community to address human health concerns. In addition, we have received many questions regarding the effects on animals—specifically companion animals such as dogs, cats, birds and other domesticated pets who also have been drinking the water.

After speaking with Dr. John Buchweitz, toxicologist at the MSU Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health (DCPAH), the official statement from MSU Extension staff is "if you are concerned about your animal's health, please take your animal to your veterinarian. Based on clinical signs and physical examination, the veterinarian can recommend appropriate diagnostic testing or other types of examination to determine if your animal is at risk. Veterinarians can contact DCPAH for more information on available testing and sample requirements."

Please do not provide information that could be construed as diagnosis, course of treatment or anything of the sort. This is not within the scope of information that MSU Extension can provide—this information must come from a licensed veterinarian.

An MSU Extension article has been posted on the website regarding this issue and can be found at

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/what to do if you suspect lead poisoning in your domesticated pets. Please feel free to share this information if this is a concern you are hearing about in your community.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Thank you, Katie

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From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Friday, December 18, 2015 5:11 PM **To:** 'Conaway, Laura (NBCUniversal)'

Subject: RE: Query on deadline from the Rachel Maddow Show

Hello Laura,

I'm happy to help.

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The governor also appointed a bipartisan task force charged with reviewing all of the city, state and federal government actions and recommending changes looking forward that can address potential challenges in Flint and other cities. The task force started working in late October, and members expected their work would last for about three months. Members already have made some recommendations, and the Governor has agreed to them. Information about the task force is here: http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577 57657-367761--,00.html

There is a website with a considerable amount of information about the state's efforts to work with Flint's leaders and city residents here: www.michigan.gov/flintwater

I **strongly recommend** that you look at the most recent release from our Department of Health and Human Services, which focuses on the most recent testing data: http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970 71692-371199-,00.html

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One thing we learned through this process is that there are no state or federal regulations requiring schools that are not on wells to test their water. The state has urged all districts conduct testing, and districts have been working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

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Subject:

Roberto

Flint residents deserve access to clean, safe water, and Gov. Snyder remains committed to working with Mayor Weaver to protect the health of Flint's children and the entire community, both immediately and into the future.

The state already has provided about \$10 million in assistance, and the governor's action plan included increased testing in schools and of blood lead levels, distributing filters and other assistance. Recently, leaders from the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division met with the mayor and commission chairman to help them determine the best possible pathway to additional state and federal resources.

We also are inviting every external scientist who has worked on this issue to be our partners in helping improve Flint water so we can arrive at accurate and mutually supported conclusions. We're committed to working together to protect Flint residents.

These are initial steps. The governor is meeting soon with Mayor Weaver to discuss other ways the state can offer assistance, and we expect to take further action once the independent Flint Water Task Force makes recommendations. We are focused on doing all we can to protect the well-being of our residents.

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From: Roberto Acosta <RACOSTA1@mlive.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 03, 2016 7:41 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Will we get the opportunity to comment?

Dave,

Thank you for the comments.

I will add them to the story.

In the future I will do my best to reach out (even if it's on a weekend) if there are any stories I am working on regarding the governor's office.

Have a good evening,

Roberto

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Sunday, January 03, 2016 7:37 PM

To: Roberto Acosta <RACOSTA1@mlive.com>; Bryn Mickle <BMICKLE1@mlive.com>

Cc: Holland, Meegan (GOV) < HollandM2@michigan.gov>; Heaton, Anna (GOV) < HeatonA@michigan.gov>; Biehl, Laura

(GOV) <BiehlL@michigan.gov>

Subject: RE: Will we get the opportunity to comment?

Roberto,

Flint residents deserve access to clean, safe water, and Gov. Snyder remains committed to working with Mayor Weaver to protect the health of Flint's children and the entire community, both immediately and into the future.

The state already has provided about \$10 million in assistance, and the governor's action plan included increased testing in schools and of blood lead levels, distributing filters and other assistance. Recently, at the Governor's direction, leaders from the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division met with the mayor and Genesee County Commission chairman to help them determine the best possible pathway to additional state and federal resources.

We also are inviting every external scientist who has worked on this issue to be our partners in helping improve Flint water so we can arrive at accurate and mutually supported conclusions. We're committed to working together to protect Flint residents.

These are initial steps. The governor is meeting soon with Mayor Weaver to discuss other ways the state can offer assistance, and we expect to take further action once the independent Flint Water Task Force makes recommendations.

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Subject: RE: Will we get the opportunity to comment?

Roberto, we've exchanged email before and my cell number, along with my email and Twitter account, are in the signature. I check all of them constantly.

I'll provide a statement shortly.

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Hello Dave,

This is Roberto.

If there are comments you would like to share, I can add them to the story.

I don't believe I have a direct contact for you.

Thanks for getting in touch,

Roberto

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Roberto and Bryn,

I read with dismay the story about Rep. Neeley's comments. It's seems highly unfair that we were never contacted to reply. Nor is there any mention of the work the governor has done to assist Flint with its challenges, from the \$10 million in assistance to the action plan to the work of the Flint Water Task Force or even the recent response from the Office of Auditor General.

Do you have my contact information? I work hard to make sure I am accessible to the media, even on weekends and holidays.

Please let me know if there is an opportunity for us to provide balance to this story.

Dave

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From: Stephen Carmody <sgcarmod@umich.edu>

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 8:55 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Fwd: Rep. Phelps to Introduce Legislation to Protect Public From State Abuse

Attachments: Phelps_Data_Manipulation_Bill_PR-12-31-15.doc

David,

I realize it's difficult to respond to a proposed bill that doesn't exist yet.

But, I thought I should see if the governor's office has any thoughts on this.

Steve Carmody Michigan Radio

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday January 4, 2016 Phone: (810) 223-7034

Contact: Rep. Phil Phelps

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Drew Moore Reporter NBC 25 / Fox 66 W: (810) 687-9600

@drewmoorenbc25







From: Ronald Fonger <RFONGER1@mlive.com>
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 11:10 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV) **Subject:** FW: request for comment

Dave:

Genesee County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jamie Curtis declared a state of emergency in Flint because of the water situation today.

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver said she is set to meet with the governor to discuss the situation Thursday morning. I realize you don't have the paperwork yet but would you want to comment on the development and the planned meeting Thursday?

Ron Fonger

MLive Media Group Reporter

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address 540 S. Saginaw St. #101, Flint MI 48502

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Office: 517-335-6397 Mobile: Twitter: @meholland From: Leix, Ron (MSP)

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 1:18 PM

To: Zach Gorchow
Cc: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Flint

Hi Zach,

The Governor's Office is taking the lead on questions regarding Genesee County's request for a Governor's declaration. I've CC'd Dave Murray on this email.

Thanks,

Ron

Ron Leix
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and Homeland Security Division
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From: Zach Gorchow [mailto:zgorchow@gongwer.com]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 12:30 PM

To: Leix, Ron (MSP) **Subject:** Flint

Hi Ron,

Hope all is well.

With the Genesee County Board of Commissioners declaring a state of emergency in Flint, and the Flint mayor asking for a state declaration in the city, regarding the water crisis, what happens now?

Zach

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Thank you for the help.

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Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 1:37 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Flint water

Thanks Dave

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 1:33 PM **To:** Egan, Paul pegan@freepress.com>

Cc: Heaton, Anna (GOV) < Heaton & Omichigan, gov >; Biehl, Laura (GOV) < Biehl L@michigan, gov >

Subject: RE: Flint water

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Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 2:04 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Flint's emergeny declaration

I've read the sheet you sent. As I understand it, Governor Snyder is going to have a decision to make as to whether to sign, amend or reject the declaration. Do you disagree with that characterization?

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 2:02 PM **To:** Conaway, Laura (NBCUniversal)

Cc: Heaton, Anna (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV) **Subject:** RE: Flint's emergeny declaration

Laura, I ask that you look at the fact sheet that spells out the process.

We are offering Mayor Weaver our full support and are working with her to take steps that could lead to multiple pathways for resources for Flint residents.

Dave Murray

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Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 2:22 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: From Drew @ NBC 25 Re: Meeting Thurs. with Weaver/Snyder

Thanks for the statement. So can we expect to get a quick interview after the two meet on Thursday, or is that what you are checking on now?

Drew Moore Reporter NBC 25 / Fox 66 W: (810) 687-9600 C:









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Dave

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From: Dave Bondy <dbondy@sbgtv.com>
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To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Request

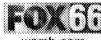
Hello

CELL-

I am putting in a request to interview Governor Snyder one on one regarding the Flint water issues.

Dave Bondy Anchor/Reporter dbondysbgtv.com

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From: Lynch, James <JLynch@detroitnews.com>
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 3:13 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Need a minute when you have it....

Dave,

Sorry to bug. My employers would like to get some info from you regarding Snyder and Flint's state of emergency – something quick for today if possible.

I only need about 5 mins if you can spare it.

Thanks.

Jim Lynch The Detroit News (313) 222-2034 Jiynch@detnews.com From: Stephen Carmody <sgcarmod@umich.edu> Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 3:48 PM To: Murray, David (GOV) **Subject:** Re: A news media question Thanks! One other thing. I'm sure that I and other members of the Flint press corps would appreciate a photo op of the governor and the mayor prior to their meeting. You know, the usual two leaders sitting together (think oval office) smiling for the cameras. If that's not possible, I understand. Steve On Mon, Jan 4, 2016 at 1:53 PM, Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov > wrote: Hello Steve, We're working closely with Mayor Weaver, and another meeting with the Mayor and Governor is expected to be scheduled this week. Not sure about the details at this point. Here is our statement about the County Commission vote: The health and welfare of Flint residents is a top priority, and we're committed to working closely with Mayor Weaver and the Genesee County Commission on a coordinated response to health and infrastructure issues. After the County Commission's vote today, the Michigan State Police's Emergency Management and Homeland Security

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I urge you to consider the recent Auditor General letter that I believe addresses a scenario that the representative might be referring to.

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Michigan Radio

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Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 4:15 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Need a minute when you have it....

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Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 4:12 PM

To: Lynch, James < <u>iLynch@detroitnews.com</u>>

Subject: RE: Need a minute when you have it....

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We appreciate your fairness and accuracy. Very much.

Is there a best way to contact you? There are times when we want to give some people a head start and I feel bad that we haven't been able to connect all the time.

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From: Lynch, James [mailto:/Lynch@detroitnews.com]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 4:15 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov > Subject: RE: Need a minute when you have it....

Dave,

I know you're busy, so I appreciate the help.

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 4:12 PM

To: Lynch, James < <u>iLynch@detroitnews.com</u>>

Subject: RE: Need a minute when you have it....

Hi Jim,

Sorry for the delay. We're scrambling today. Here's our statement. I'm also attaching a fact sheet from MSP that outlines the process. Let me know if you need more information.

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Subject: Need a minute when you have it....

Dave,

Sorry to bug. My employers would like to get some info from you regarding Snyder and Flint's state of emergency – something quick for today if possible.

I only need about 5 mins if you can spare it.

Thanks.

Jim Lynch The Detroit News (313) 222-2034 jynch@detnews.com From: Dave Bondy <dbondy@sbgtv.com>
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 4:27 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Re: Request

Thank you

Dave Bondy Anchor/Reporter dbondy@sbgtv.com



On Jan 4, 2016, at 4:24 PM, Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov > wrote:

Hi Dave,

We're working to see if there are opportunities in the schedule where the governor can be available. I'll know more tomorrow, or Wednesday, for sure.

Dave

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From: Dave Bondy [mailto:dbondy@sbgtv.com]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 3:01 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov >

Subject: Request

Hello

I am putting in a request to interview Governor Snyder one on one regarding the Flint water issues.

Dave Bondy Anchor/Reporter dbondysbgtv.com

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From: Andrew Keller < Andrew.Keller@wnem.com >

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 4:34 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV) **Subject:** RE: Flint statement

Appreciate it!

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 4:32 PM

To: Andrew Keller Subject: Flint statement

Hi Andrew,

Here's our statement. I'm also attaching a fact sheet from MSP that has details about the procedures.

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From: Conaway, Laura (NBCUniversal) <Laura.Conaway@nbcuni.com>

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 4:48 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: RE: Flint's emergeny declaration

That is all very helpful to know. I still don't know – and please clear this up for me if you can – whether Governor Snyder intends to make a request to the federal government under Public Act 390.

What I can see is that the Governor's office is considering taking that step, and is gathering information that could be used to take that step. Can you tell me, please, whether Governor Snyder intends to take that step, once he has the information from the county? Or is the step dependent on the information he receives?

On a like note, my understanding is that the Governor could sign, amend or reject the declaration at the state level without requesting federal assistance. Can you tell me, please, whether the Governor has made a decision about that part of it?

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 4:43 PM **To:** Conaway, Laura (NBCUniversal) **Subject:** RE: Flint's emergeny declaration

Genesee County has three days to provide the state with damage assessment information that is needed for the request to the federal government. Members of the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division have been working with the county on this and have provided guidance.

Again, prior to a formal declaration, we are recognizing this as an emergency and are working with city and county leaders to coordinate efforts, streamline communication and tap all available resources at the state's control. We are committed to working with the mayor and county leaders in their efforts to protect the health of Flint residents. The mayor and governor are meeting later this week to discuss additional ways the state can provide assistance.

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From: Conaway, Laura (NBCUniversal) [mailto:Laura.Conaway@nbcuni.com]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 2:04 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov>

Subject: RE: Flint's emergeny declaration

I've read the sheet you sent. As I understand it, Governor Snyder is going to have a decision to make as to whether to sign, amend or reject the declaration. Do you disagree with that characterization?

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 2:02 PM **To:** Conaway, Laura (NBCUniversal)

Cc: Heaton, Anna (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV) **Subject:** RE: Flint's emergeny declaration

Laura, I ask that you look at the fact sheet that spells out the process.

We are offering Mayor Weaver our full support and are working with her to take steps that could lead to multiple pathways for resources for Flint residents.

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Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 1:57 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov>

Subject: RE: Flint's emergeny declaration

So the governor recognizes this as an emergency but isn't saying whether he'll sign, amend or reject the declaration of emergency?

From: Murray, David (GOV) [mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 1:55 PM **To:** Conaway, Laura (NBCUniversal) **Subject:** RE: Flint's emergeny declaration

Hello Laura,

The health and welfare of Flint residents is a top priority, and we're committed to working closely with Mayor Weaver and the Genesee County Commission on a coordinated response to health and infrastructure issues.

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I'm attaching an MSP fact sheet about the process that I'm sure you will find helpful.

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Subject: Flint's emergeny declaration

Hi, Dave, and Happy New Year.

I see that Flint's declaration of emergency is on its way to Governor Snyder. Has he decided yet whether he will sign, amend or reject it?

Thank you for the help.

Laura Conaway The Rachel Maddow Show From: Arthur Delaney <arthur@huffingtonpost.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 10:57 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: filing on DOJ

Hi Dave, I am filing a short item on the USAO opening an investigation into the Flint water crisis. They tell me they're working with the EPA.

First reported here I think: https://twitter.com/ACLUofMichigan/status/684394955276615680

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From: Stephen Carmody <sgcarmod@umich.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 11:04 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: news media information request

David,

i just saw the MLive article about the DOJ investigation into the Flint water contamination.

Could you send me the governor's office statement?

Steve Carmody Michigan Radio From: Lindsey Smith < lmsmi@umich.edu > Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 12:18 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Re: Flint compliance sampling - media request

Hi Dave,

Just checking in on this request. Any chance I can get it without FOIA?

Best~

On Thu, Dec 31, 2015 at 11:04 AM, Lindsey Smith < lmsmi@umich.edu wrote: I understand. Rock on. Appreciate the quick response. Best~

On Thu, Dec 31, 2015 at 11:01 AM, Murray, David (GOV) < Murray D1@michigan.gov > wrote:

Hello Lindsey,

With state offices closed today, and the deadline for the request yesterday afternoon, I might not be able to obtain this information by the end of the day today. We might need to wait until Monday morning, when the people involved would have access to the documents and could send them to me. I will reach out to them and see what is possible today.

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From: Lindsey Smith [mailto:lmsmi@umich.edu]
Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2015 10:56 AM

To: Murray, David (GOV) < MurrayD1@michigan.gov> **Subject:** Fwd: Flint compliance sampling - media request

Hi Dave and happy New Year.

Just talked to Karen at DEQ, who said all requests about Flint are headed your way for the time being. I would've asked yesterday but was out sick. If you get a chance, would love to see this info from Flint if/when it is available.

Best~

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From: Lindsey Smith < msmi@umich.edu> Date: Thu, Dec 31, 2015 at 10:46 AM

Subject: Flint compliance sampling - media request

To: "Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)" < tommasulok@michigan.gov>

Good morning Karen and happy New Year.

I'm hoping you may be able to help or at least point me in the right direction on who can help me find something. Back in November, Mike Prysby sent a letter to Flint looking for information related to compliance sampling for LCR. I've attached the letter here if that helps. Prysby was looking for a response from Flint on or before December 30th. Wondering if you guys have gotten anything from the city yet? I'm asking them too, just with it being a holiday week and all, I thought I'd see if you or anyone else is around today.

All the best,

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From: Leix, Ron (MSP)

Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 3:36 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV); Holland, Meegan (GOV)

Cc:Banner, Shanon (MSP)Subject:Disaster Declaration Process

Attachments: Fact Sheet - Emergency or Disaster Declaration Process.pdf

Dave and Meegan,

Situational awareness. There have been a couple of incorrect reports about the emergency/disaster declaration process, assuming that a Governor's declaration is merely a sign-off and then the request is moved to federal level.

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That's just not the case. Requests are made to each level of government when resources are exhausted. (See the attached fact sheet.)

With today's anticipated news release, I believe there will be more reports that assume the request will be automatically going to the federal level or federal assistance is immediately coming.

Thanks,

Ron

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Fact Sheet

Emergency or Disaster Declaration Process

The Michigan Emergency Management Act (Public Act 390 of 1976, as amended) outlines the emergency management process for the state of Michigan. If an incident exhausts state resources, the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 USC §§ 5121-5207) establishes the process for requesting and obtaining a presidential disaster declaration and assistance from the federal government.

STEP BY STEP: Emergency or Disaster Declaration Process

- 1. Disasters are first and foremost local events. Most disasters are handled by local government with minimal or no state assistance. At the onset of a disaster or emergency, local emergency responders, joined by volunteers and the private sector, are the first to be involved.
- 2. A local jurisdiction may declare a "Local State of Emergency" exists when they have sustained widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property. A local declaration ensures the response and recovery aspects of the emergency operations plan have been activated, and local resources are being utilized to the fullest extent possible. Authorities may authorize local aid and assistance.
- 3. If recovery efforts are beyond the ability of local government, the community may turn to the state to request assistance. All requests for assistance are channeled through the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division.
- 4. The Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division reviews specific requests for state assistance and makes recommendations to the Governor's Office. The Governor's authority, granted by the Michigan Emergency Management Act, may include mobilizing state government agencies to provide necessary support and assistance to local authorities under a "State of Emergency" or "State of Disaster" declaration.
- 5. If state and local government resources are unable to cope with the emergency or disaster, the Governor may request assistance through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region V Office in Chicago.
- 6. At the request of the Governor, FEMA may conduct a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) in cooperation with state and local emergency management officials. The results of the PDA will be reviewed by state officials and the Governor's Office and used as a basis for determining whether to request federal financial assistance.
- 7. Should the state request federal disaster assistance, FEMA will review the request and make a recommendation to the president, who will make the final determination on any disaster aid to be provided to the state. The goal of disaster assistance is not to make individuals, businesses or government entities whole again, but to restore the community to a level that meets expected health and safety considerations.

From: Leix, Ron (MSP)

Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 4:12 PM

To: Holland, Meegan (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Cc: Banner, Shanon (MSP)

Subject: RE: Disaster Declaration Process

You're welcome. It may be worth getting ahead of it – if possible – in the news release. Nobody understands the process. This seems to occur every time. I just want to manage expectations.

The state of Michigan will use its resources to the fullest possible extent during this emergency. If state and local resources are unable to cope with the emergency, the Governor may request federal assistance.

From: Holland, Meegan (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 3:47 PM

To: Leix, Ron (MSP)

Subject: RE: Disaster Declaration Process

Oh geez.... Thanks Ron. You've been so helpful.

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And by "act," I am referring only to the emergency declaration.

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From: Smith, Mitch <mitchell.smith@nytimes.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 7:30 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV) **Subject:** New York Times request

Hi Dave,

I'm a New York Times reporter working on a story about the Flint water issues and Gov. Snyder's recent actions I was wondering if the governor would be available for a phone interview tomorrow. I'd like to include his perspective on what he'd like to see going forward, the actions he's already taken, and his reflections on how the state has handled this issue.

Also, is there a media contact at MSP/EMHSD you can point me toward who could arrange an interview about what state resources will be used in light of the emergency declaration? Thanks for your help.

-Mitch Smith

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I can be flexible tomorrow, but before 3 p.m. would be preferable. Let me know if there's a quick window that might work.

And thanks for Ron's contact info. I'll reach out to him in the morning.

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Name: Chris Dewitt

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Phone and email address in his email if you want to contact him

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From your story:

The trouble started in 2014 when emergency managers appointed by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R) decided to try saving money by switching Flint's water supply from the Detroit system to the Flint River.

Arthur, this is greatly inaccurate. The city and county governments have been working – for years – to create a new water authority so the Flint area would stop using water from Detroit. There was a 7-1 Flint City Council vote to make the switch to the new source in Lake Huron, which the emergency manager affirmed to support the local wishes.

The Flint River has always been a been the backup source. The original plan from the city was to use Detroit water or a mix of Detroit and Flint River water during construction of the new pipeline. There wasn't an arbitrary decision to "try saving money."

This column from the emergency manager at the time explains the decision behind the switch in great detail.

http://www.detroitnews.com/story/opinion/2015/10/26/opinion-flint-water-disaster/74657458/

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Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 10:46 AM

To: 'Arthur Delaney'

Subject: FW: Letter Press release

Attachments: FWATF letter to Governor Snyder.pdf; 15.12.15 Flint Task Force Letter.pdf

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We appreciate your personal interest in this issue, commitment to assisting the Task Force in our review, and—most importantly—commitment to ensuring that the full measure of state resources are brought forward to protect the public health in Flint and throughout the state.

Respectfully yours,

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RICK SNYDER GOVERNOR BRIAN CALLEY

December 15, 2015

Dear Flint Water Advisory Task Force Members:

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At the state level, there has been a confluence of efforts between Departments of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health and Human Services to coordinate with the Genesee County Health Department, local schools, and our partners in the non-profit community.

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Sincerely,

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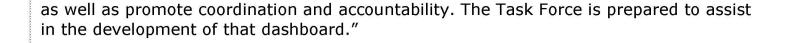
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NPR is interviewing the mayor of Flint about Flint Water and was hoping to get a comment from the Governor's office on

the Flint water issue, testing, crisis response, etc. Any the comment the Gov would like to make

Deadline: Today

Alexa Ruestman
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Executive Office of the Governor
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Sent: Friday, December 18, 2015 9:09 AM

To: 'jschmidt@npr.org'

Subject: FW: Flint water questions

Jennifer.

I'm disappointed your story said we didn't respond to your questions. You didn't give a hard deadline in your message, and I thought I provided you with a very detailed response.

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From: Murray, David (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 5:55 PM **To:** 'jschmidt@npr.org' <<u>ischmidt@npr.org</u>>

Subject: Flint water questions

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Gov. Snyder in October created an action plan that focuses on increasing water testing, offering additional precautions for families with lead plumbing in their homes, and providing long-term solutions to address the city's water infrastructure challenges. The plan was created at Snyder's direction by the Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the city of Flint.

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For your background, the action plan includes:

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- Offering free water testing to Flint residents to assure their drinking water is safe.
- Providing free water filters to residents.
- Expanding health exposure testing of individual homes.
- Accelerating corrosion controls in the Flint drinking water system.
- Accelerating water system improvements to address replacing lead service lines.
- Expediting the completion of the Karegnondi Water Authority pipeline.
- Expanding a Safe Drinking Water Technical Advisory Committee to ensure the best technology, practices and science are being followed by adding an expert from the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development to the group.
- Naming Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, as the Flint drinking water public health adviser.
- Boosting a comprehensive lead education program to make sure residents have detailed information about how to protect themselves and their homes.

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Sent:	Friday, December 18, 2015 2:17 PM
To:	Murray, David (GOV)

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Subject: Two things...

Thing 1 -- Any reaction to the Legislative Black Caucus's call for the gov to declare a state of emergency in Flint?

Thing 2 -- Anything happening today or Monday?

thanks&cheers...

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managing editor/Capitol bureau chief
Michigan Public Radio Network
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So he has not ruled it out?

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То:	Murray, David (GOV)
Subject:	Legislative black caucus
Hi Dave,	
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Thanks,	
Alethia	
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www.avast.com	

From: Conaway, Laura (NBCUniversal) <Laura.Conaway@nbcuni.com>

Sent: Friday, December 18, 2015 4:40 PM **To:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)

Subject: Query on deadline from the Rachel Maddow Show

Hi, Ms. Wurfel and Mr. Murray,

I'm writing from the Rachel Maddow Show, on MSNBC. We are working on a story about the water situation in Flint for tonight, and we have a few questions.

- -When did the governor's office become aware of reports that lead levels were rising in Flint water?
- -When did the governor's become aware of the EPA interim report showing high levels of lead in Flint and inadequacies with the city's testing?
- -When did the governor's office become aware of the testing in which two samples were ruled out and the result was that Flint water met EPA guidelines, as reported by Michigan Radio?
- -Does the governor take responsibility for any part of what has happened in Flint? If so, what part or parts?
- -What are the governor's next steps in addressing the crisis?

Thank you for fielding these.

Laura Conaway The Rachel Maddow Show 212 664 1286 From: Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)

Sent: Friday, December 18, 2015 4:43 PM

To: Holland, Meegan (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV)

Cc: Lasher, Geralyn (DHHS); Wheaton, Bob (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS)

Subject: MDHHS Weekly Report

Upcoming Press Releases

- Monday, December 21 Holiday safe sleep reminder
- Monday, December 21 Michigan child welfare improvements
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- TENTATIVE Tuesday, December 22 Tahir Whitehead spends time with children in foster care program
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